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DC Mayor Welcomes WCSF III

October 29, 1997, at noon Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak held an international press conference at the national press club in Washington, DC, explaining the WCSF and the Blessing.

At 2.00 pm Mayor Marion Barry gave a press briefing at the city hall to the local press. He invited Rev. Kwak to stay and talk at this press conference, too. ❖



Rev. Kwak addressing the Mayor's press conference. From left, Rev. Philip Shanker, Mr. Neil Salonen, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, Mayor Marion Barry, Pastor C. L. Barrett and Dr. A. I. Dunlap.

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As Mayor of the District of Columbia, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to you for your participation in the World Culture and Sports Festival III to be held November 23-30, 1997, in Washington, DC. Tens of thousands of participants from 185 nations, representing all races and each of the world's major faiths, will gather in celebration of the universal value of family, believing that a peaceful family of nations begins with nations of peaceful families. Nine international conferences, artistic and cultural presentations, an international youth sports competition, entertainment, fireworks and more, will fill our city during the week that America celebrates our Thanksgiving holiday.

We are proud to welcome each of you who have come to affirm your commitment to building God-centered families. The festival's centerpiece event is "Blessing 97," which will link millions of couples worldwide by satellite in an interfaith celebration of marriage. Washington, DC, our nation's capital, and a diverse, multi-cultural city, is a fitting location for this international event. I would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation for you to visit our many historic sights and scenic locales which make "America's First City" a unique place to live, work and visit.

On behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia, I hope all of you enjoy the warmth and spirit of the holiday season during your visit.

Marion Barry, Jr. Mayor District of Columbia

Pure Love Alliance National Summer Tour

by Michelle Myers—Washington, DC

'Absolute Love, Absolute Life, Absolute Sex...That's Right!" blared 280 youths in roaring synchronicity in downtown Denver, Colorado bringing passersby to a quick halt and a quizzical expression. They marched with the precision of a finely tuned military brigade and chanted with the same unity. Their multi-colored placards and pickets pumped up and down as one, visible for blocks in the distance. Their common voice echoed equally far, prompting people to suspend their conversations and scan the area for the cause of this relentless howl. For many of these surprised city-dwellers, the purpose for this multitude of young marchers was not immediately clear, yet the power and passion behind their common cry forced

everyone's instant attention. Those so pulled to inquire asked, "What's this all about?" "We are the Pure Love Alliance and we are 300 young people on a national tour promoting sexual purity before marriage and fidelity within marriage...ABSOLUTE LOVE, ABSOLUTE LIFE..." they shouted on. Some would break into a question frenzy, wanting to know how to get in touch with us, work with us or join us, as though they suddenly forgot everything else they had to do in their lives. Some took our flier, replied "Oh" and continued in stride as though they see mobs of screaming youths on the hour. And some, with the word "purity" uttered, reacted "Not for me," and scurried away, occasionally glanc-



San Francisco

ing back to ensure there was a good distance expanding between us.

As our shirts read "Pure Love '97—

Absolute Sex National Tour," we were without question a controversial force for almost everyone we met from coast to coast across the United States.

Jin Hun Nim announced the tour at a CARP leaders' meeting in May in New York City with no forewarning to most of the attendees. He spoke passionately of his anguish and disgust at the ill effect of the exported filth with which America polluted the rest of the world—

how he saw with his own eyes how America's influence tainted the centuries-old family traditions of different nations and cultures. He saw the importance of changing the tide of the American moral see PLA on page 15



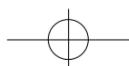
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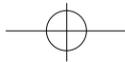


Washington, DC



Denver





FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

International Leaders Meeting

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

From unofficial notes by Dr. Tyler Hendricks from Mr. Dong Moon Joo's translation, East Garden, Saturday, November 1, 1997.

I will continue yesterday's message. There are three things to fix: blood lineage, youth problems, and family corruption. There is no way to reach the heavenly world without a bridge leading out of the world of family breakdown. Father is making the bridge.

Engrafting means to cut the old tree at the root and engraft the shoot of the new tree into it. Because we originated in the satanic lineage, even if you are an Abel type person or society, you will fail. That is why salvation history took thousands of years. From Divine Principle you know the origin of fallen character, received from Satan when Eve was sixteen years old. The conscience was weaker than the power of fallen love. That is why there was the failure. If the conscience is weak, it can fail.

This is the perennial problem. Evil love is stronger than conscience. Therefore the body wins the mind-body struggle. If you see delicious fruit, you automatically reach for it and eat. It is a fallen power which you have no power to con-



trol. Satanic lineage means a satanic plus was created. But even a weak conscience at least is aware of what is happening.

Is God not pitiful? In Eden there were five men (God, Adam and three archangels) and one woman. The minus was able to connect with any of the five plusses. The possibility of the fall was great, therefore, and God was very careful.

How much do you feel that God is pitiful? If Eve had not fallen, she would have become the daughter of God and the wife of God. So God lost His wife and daughter. The first day of Adam and Eve's hon-

eymoon should have united the universe, centered on God. Who then could have separated them? When do the man and woman separate? They separate after the seed of the baby should come out from the man, then you separate. That planting is delicate, so separation is not simple.

God passed on His position to Satan. But even in that miserable a situation, He has to love that hateful son of Satan more than His own children. That is not principled, but God has to do it. Why? Because of restoration. How is it just-

fied in Principle? The archangel would have been loved after Adam and Eve matured. So there was some condition for God to love the archangel.

God has to love and endure everything. Everything is created by love. Without love, nothing can even be considered or conceived. Satan claims that God must love him even if he destroys the world, many times over. Otherwise, Satan tells God, no one can come into Your kingdom.

Therefore God has not be able to open the heavenly kingdom. God has to hold the hands of His children entering His kingdom; until then He cannot stop loving Satan. He saw Satan's adultery but could not intervene. God can act only after Satan exercises his maximum power. We see human beings having sex with animals and so forth in the last days. We see widespread homosexuality, which everyone hates when they first hear of it. Anal sex means the holy organ is going into the most dirty area.

What can God do? Beat Eve? He had no power to do that. He cannot destroy the satanic world or yank His children out of it. He must respect it as natural, or He cannot keep His authority. You have to know the details of Divine Principle. ♦

Super Highway of True Love

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

These are excerpts from unofficial notes taken by Dr. Tyler Hendricks at the sermon given Sunday, November 16, 1997, at the Belvedere International Center, Tarrytown, NY. The translation was by Rev. Peter Kim.

Chinese characters are very different from western characters. Chinese characters create beautiful combinations of ideas. (Peter Kim explains the Chinese characters making up the term, super highway, far too complex to recount.) Western characters do not have these subtleties, so westerners cannot dissect the subtlety of thoughts unless it is expressed out loud and explicitly.

Therefore, westerners are noisy, Asians are silent. While they are silent, they are thinking about their past and present, and making a plan for the future. If you talk and joke about these things, you lose everything, because nothing is reserved. In order to find the truth, Father lived in a quiet place, for days and weeks saying nothing.

The most precious thing in this world is your parents. Do western youth understand how precious their parents are? In English, the word "you" makes no distinctions vertically. Why are your parents so precious? Because your love stems from your parents. In order to seek love, you need your parents; they are the prerequisite for love. Your parents like true love the most. Your life, future, parents, everything is connect-

ed to true love. It is the starting point.

Everything comes from the love relationship, subject and object. Every level, from man and woman to minerals. They



meet because of love, for the sake of love. So, human life is simple. We are born out of love, we live to give love, we achieve love and for the sake of love pass into the spirit world.

Every existing being needs true love, not secular love. Everyone likes real flowers and pure gold. Even your finger likes truth. Your finger wants to touch a true being. Every infant wants to touch the parents, and you want to touch the child, because he is true.

Do you have true eyes, which are happy to watch true entities? Your wife produced many children and is getting heavy, and a beautiful young woman appears. Do you keep looking at your wife? Do you really have that quality of eyes? Do you really love your parents? Doesn't the baby at the breast look at the mother's face as beautiful, and not

judge any flaws? For the baby, the mother is most beautiful. The baby tries to touch the mother's face.

Why? because of the power of love. Do you have a true nose and ears? Do you seek to hear true sounds? True ears are the ears that drop everything when they hear the mother's voice.

Our five senses are there to connect us with true beings, not false beings. Is stealing right or wrong? It is wrong. So your hands have to go the right direction. We have an original desire to connect to the right things, in all things we do. The rightness of a thing is defined by true love relationships. If the absolute true love being sets the direction, everyone likes unification and peace. It is not possible to achieve unification through money, power or knowledge. Minds, eyes and all senses

There is heavenly fate in the universe. One of its functions is to chase out unprincipled (individualistic) entities, those which have no relationship. Heavenly fate is to protect and promote the subject-object relationship. The highest relationship is true love. So, every existing being wants to relate with a higher being.

In Alaska, a male deer can gather 52 females. When another male enters his territory, they fight and the females watch, and go with the winner. The females want to connect with the

higher being, to create stronger offspring. Women have the same desire.

True love has many dimensions. You want to seek the higher beings, as well as all different sizes. Each person wants to carry all the true love in the universe in your bag. You are almost collapsed by carrying the heavy bag. How can you carry it? (With my wife!) You are pulled up by your love subject. The eternal vertical subject of true love is God. As long as you are connected with God, the universe of true love can be yours.

This is an attribute of universal law. It relates to everything, to every subject. As object of this, it takes hard work to come up to its level. The secret of how to be a filial child is to return everything our parents gave to us, in eternity. The same method defines a true spouse, and the next goal is to be a true family. A true family is one in

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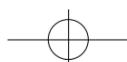
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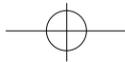
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- 3 Shin Sun Nim's 7th Birthday
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- Shin Young Nim's 11th Birthday
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- 17 40 Single Blessing (WMC '95)
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FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

Children's Day Speech

Belvedere International Training Center, Friday, October 31, 1997. These highlights are taken from unofficial notes made by Dr. Tyler Hendricks from Rev. Peter Kim's Translation

The children of God cannot see God, nor can the children of Satan see Satan. Children, by definition, have parents. To be a child means to be of the parents' blood lineage.

You all know spirit world exists, but have you seen it? You have two sets of parents: visible and invisible. In spirit world you will meet your invisible parents, either in heaven or in hell.

We want to return love to our parents, not just receive it. But we do not see God or Satan. Then how do we establish the give and take of love with them? Children of God go to heaven, of Satan go to hell. Where do heaven and hell originate and divide from each other? Did it take place in the invisible or visible world? Did love begin just between people, or between people and God? Love did not originate only in man, but through the relationship between man and God or man and Satan. With whom was

A relationship was established between man and Satan when they ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge. That was a wrong turn. Man was to have had a love relationship only with God. Because Satan gave the fruit, i.e., built a love relationship with human beings, we became Satan's children.

If man had built a relationship with God alone, there would have been no Satan. The fall was the loss of the love relationship which we should have established. Adam and Eve were chased out before they had children. Satan was involved, not God. We can conclude that the fall came from illicit love relationship. As their descendants, we all inherited Satanic lineage.

Unification members make what kind of unity? Between east and west? Between black and white? We make all kinds of unity. Unification members therefore receive persecution. We breakdown Satan's base on every level, and build up God's base. We cut off the satanic lineage.

Because of Satan's invasion, all the teenagers of the world fall, and the family system is destroyed. Only God's side connecting to God's true love can solve it. God's true children have to do this. Thus, Satan's side is losing power. America cannot stand as a strong nation in the future because of its youth problem and homosexuality. There is no homosexuality in the animal world. It was made by Satan.

Satan's armaments are drugs and free sex.

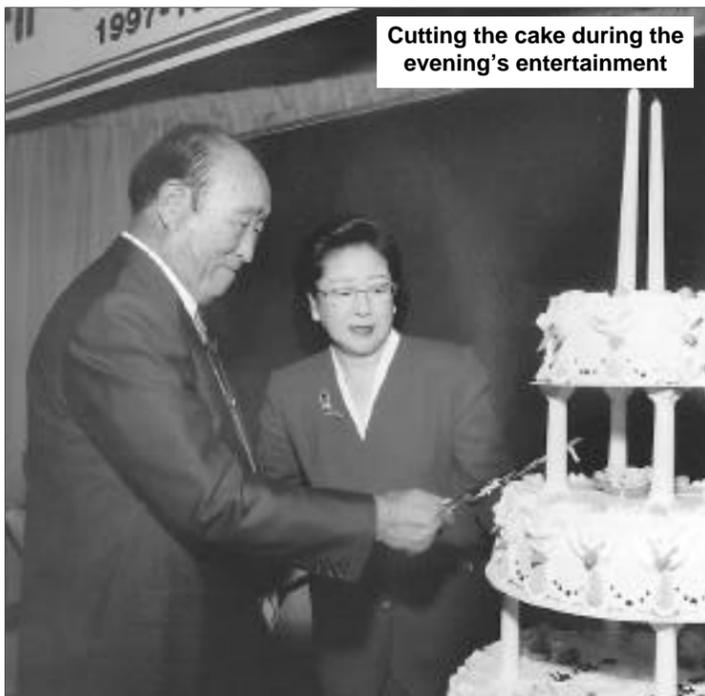
This seed was sown in the garden of Eden. To reverse it in the last days we must work with youth and the family. Our catch phrase is absolute sex, pure love. Absolute sex is for the sake of absolute love: unique, eternal, unchanging and absolute. Catholics and Protestants may link the fall to eating literal fruit, but that does not explain the lineage problem. That's why the engrafting process must take place. Jesus Christ came with the true lineage, for engrafting to God's lineage.

People of the world go after excitement centered on the body. This is caused by satanic lineage. Taking physical pleasure is like kissing Satan. God spits at this love. This is why religions call people to leave the fallen world. God



Adam before Eve. The meaning of the marriage of the lamb is that an original Adam and Eve have reached perfection and married.

the one who can save this world, the Messiah, who will end the struggle of mind and body



If God destroys the world, He is a God of failure. He will never do that. If you find a true husband and wife, your sound of joining will be louder than lightning and thunder. Lightning and thunder is a marriage in nature. This is the essence of the ideal of creation.

The fall of a man and woman divided the world into two. To terminate the fallen world, we must return to the original place. Even within ourselves there is plus and minus, mind and body. They are created to be united, and resemble God, in whom plus and minus are united. We as His children have mind and body, therefore God must have mind and body. God will be happy when our mind and body are united.

But we all struggle between mind and body, hence we know that we have some connection to Satan. Then we cannot claim to be children of God. This battle of mind and body has been continuing for millions of years and could continue forever. It's a war. We have never reached a truce. Then everyone is doomed to hell. This is a world of desperation and destruction. It is hell. We should find those who will follow

has been working through the history of restoration, on advancing levels.

The borderline between the theistic and atheistic worlds is the line between man and woman, between plus and minus. Family begins with husband and wife. This relationship is the key. Because it was not right at the start, this became the fallen world. The problem is the man/woman relationship. If there is unity there, you are blessed with eternal peace. If no there is no unity, then there will be no peace.

Through 25 million years of human history, God could not find one true man, one true Adam. Do we conclude that a true Adam cannot be found? It is logically a prerequisite to restore

The Canadian Choir who performed in the evening



After the fall, God kicked out Adam and Eve. Now can God embrace the children of fallen Adam and Eve? Even though Adam fell, he had a better conscience and lineage than we do here. Whatever qualities Adam had have been lost. So, will God embrace you, or kick you further than He kicked Adam and Eve?

In the last days, there is only misery. But Satan is blocked by the Blessing, and cannot move horizontally. So he must go up to heaven or down further to hell. He still possesses his original mind's desire to educate mankind. So Satan is stuck, but he says to God, "You are stuck too!"

The three problems now are sexual diseases, youth problems, and family breakdown. Once they turn 180 degrees, the path to heaven is entered upon in each problem.

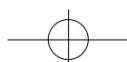
Terminate the satanic lineage as a teenager, because that is where the fall took place.

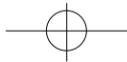
True Children are those who completely cut off Satan's blood lineage, stay away from youth problems, and establish true families. But they also must be 100% united with True Parents. That is accomplished through the Blessing. The three problems are solved. Such children do not need religion; they can go to heaven directly.

English has no vertical concept. Everyone, including your father, your dog, and your king, are all "you."

Adam and Eve's mind and body were fighting. Each of us is like two people fighting with each other. The body usually wins; the body overcomes the mind's direction. This is still the pattern. Reli-

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Victorious March



REV. JOONG
HYUN PAK

Rev. Pak is the Continental Director of the Church in North America.

When we go to the spiritual world, what kind of gift could we bring to God? If we visit our parents' house, our friend's house, or our teacher's house, we might bring some gift, especially on a special day such as Thanksgiving, maybe even a turkey. God is our eternal Parent. He gives us life and protection; He gives us all necessary elements for our physical life—water, air, sunlight, everything. And He gives us everything necessary for our spiritual life. After all that He gives to us all our life, if we go before Him, would we want to go empty-handed? To take a gift, a remembrance, to the one we are visiting is both an earthly and a heavenly custom.

Gift for God

God is Almighty and as True Father always tells us, "God does not need money, or knowledge or power; nothing like that," so what kind of gift can we bring to God to His satisfaction and joy? What kind of gift can we offer Him which would make Him say "My son, my daughter, let us live together forever and ever"? Only one thing—Love. What kind of Love? The Love we practiced by giving the seed of life to humankind. How do we do that? By witnessing to people, teaching them, nurturing them with love and care, guiding them and bringing them to the Blessing. Through this, they gained new Life, Love and Lineage. They become new seeds of life.

When we visit someone, we often bring a fruit basket, with many different kinds of fruit. So this is just what we are bringing before God—our fruit basket. The harvest of many fruits in which we invested and planted the seed of life. If we bring three spiritual children, then seven spiritual children, on up to a thousand spiritual children in our fruit basket, representing our love, our investment, as we planted the seeds, nurtured them through their growth, and gathered them up at harvest time—this fruit basket is what we bring to God. Then God will feel joy and in return, we are indeed rich and honorable in the spiritual world.

Father said if we do not witness or help people on Earth, that in the spiritual world we are restricted to a vertical position only, like one straight line, without horizontal movement—no space. According to the number of people we help or give life to in our own lifetime on Earth is how much space we are allotted in the spiritual world. If it is three people, then a small amount of space; the space expands according to the number. If we include all races and cultures in our sphere of witnessing—black people, white people, yellow people, red people, far-away Eskimos in Alaska, Africans, South Americans, North Americans, Asians, everyone, everywhere, rich and poor—then we can look forward to a joyful life of very expansive space in the spiritual world.

Miracle of Blessings

All over the world in this year of 1997, miracles of Blessings are happening. Now some of the pre-Blessed people are beginning to volunteer to plant and harvest. This is the time of judgment and

the time of harvest. Those coming for the Blessing can have eternal life.

All the world now is competing, competing, competing! FFWPU International President, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak believes that he can announce by the middle of November that from the 185 nations all around the world the number of blessing couples will be more than 40 million!! Some nations were so busy with enormous numbers of couples to bless that they did not have time to add up numbers and send totals to the International Office. Consequently, numbers have suddenly jumped up drastically.

Many American Indians are receiving the Blessing. The American Indian people are suffering from so many things—alcohol, drugs, aids, family problems, bad atmospheric pollution. The pure mountain spring water they used to drink no longer exists. The animal life they fed from is practically gone. Now so many satanic things have entered into their life. The Indian chiefs and other leaders are wondering how to take care of their people. Throughout all societies, nations and the world, it is the same thing. True Father is bringing the answers. If people will just listen and change, True Parents will provide all the solutions for every possible problem on the Earth.

By the year 2000 the New Heaven and New Earth will come from "new people." Not new fancy clothes or new beautiful jewels or new anything, but rather NEW PEOPLE. These new people are coming from where? From God, from True Parents, from True Love, Eternal Life, Pure Lineage!

Third Great Blessing

True Parents have visited the Amazon area in South America. As they explore deep into God's original creation, the world of nature, they realize that in order to be saved, humankind must go back to nature, smell God, touch God, commune with God in order to return to God by restoring their own original mind and body.

I meet with many high-level leaders from all religions and organizations, and yet it is amazing to witness such top-level persons as True Parents, who have reached such a pinnacle on Earth, return to the most simple, untouched, unpoluted part of the world, the vast Amazon River area, the Pantanal, the Garden of Eden. Here they experience God, as He originally, joyfully, painstakingly, and with a great deal of adventure and humor, molded some 36 million different kinds of insects—one by one—with His own hands, not just by His word or His thought, but with His hands.

To explore, to digest and spiritually and physically conquer this great creation of God, True Parents have suffered a great deal in order to create great plans for preservation for God's world, nature, and human beings. For all its beauty and mystery, there are mosquitoes, snakes and other things of discomfort and danger existing in that area of the world. It is a most hot and humid place with no air-conditioning right now. Yet, True Father and True Mother are most joyful as they dwell with nature. It is all so interesting and amazing.

360 Million Couples Fulfilled

To be "blessed" has a deeper meaning than just receiving material bless-

ings or an easy life. It also means to have an appreciation and longing for God's original nature and world, the world of pure love, life and lineage.

Some of us were blessed 10, 20 or 30 years ago. At that time, our families, our friends surely thought we were crazy. Many would not in any way endorse our blessing life. They thought our way of life would pass away with time, but instead millions of couples throughout the world are now being blessed! These couples are agreeing to a more pure way of life. Now our way of life is most assuredly being proved right. This is your victory, my victory, True Parents' victory and God's victory. This is indeed good news. This is a day of victory.

Earlier, we anxiously awaited the news of 36 million Blessed couples. It is like wartime when you wait for news of victory. This is indeed a battle between God and Satan, a difficult war between Pure Love and satanic impure love and God is claiming the victory. God and True Parents themselves brought victory. For six thousand or more years God has waited for the victory that is now coming.

Members in Washington, DC are getting occasional glimpses of the spiritual world. Some say they have seen President Abraham Lincoln and also many soldiers in full uniform from Washington National Cemetery, coming even into the prayer rooms in the city. They are prepared to help win the battle. How comforted we can be by this reinforcement!

In North America we now have almost 400,000 blessings. Of course, compared to the rest of the world this number is too small. But at least we are growing. In Nigeria, there are almost 8 million blessed couples.

Three years ago 2,000 Christian ministers were blessed. But they didn't multiply. We would naturally expect them to bring others in their congregations if they realized the value of the Blessing. But apparently this didn't happen. Or maybe they feared opposition within their churches that might jeopardize their leadership role. Now, however, many of them are beginning to realize the value of the Blessing and are teaching True Family Values which gives a strong spirit to their members and raises the spirit and power of the church. Some churches are even competing now for blessing totals.

Report from Chicago

One pastor in Chicago is giving many blessings and has promised to bring 20 buses to Washington. This is just an example of the competition we will have in the future. As tribal messiahs, we had better hurry up and bless many couples now because after this coming Blessing we will find ourselves homeless because much competition is entering the Blessing field! Seventy church pastors are working together with our tribal messiahs in Chicago to bring buses.

For many years, brothers and sisters in Chicago have worked closely with churches and loved and served churches. They have always done things together and stayed connected.

There is one story in Chicago of an elder church minister who was blessed several years ago. His wife has already gone into spiritual world. He wanted to help RFK campaign so he offered to finan-

cially assist any couple in his congregation with \$70 if they wanted to go to Washington. So that church filled one bus right there.

Victory of True Parents

Substantial church leaders are now joining with us for the Blessing. We are experiencing on-going victory. Do not feel discouraged in any way. Heaven's power is at work.

There will be substantial representation from the world's major religions at RFK—Christian, Judaism, Islam, Hindu, Coptic, Sikh, and others. Who prepared such a gathering? Who opened the door to this victory? God and True Parents. Three years ago, Father announced this coming 3.6 million couple Blessing. At that time, the Unification leadership almost had heart attacks! Back when True Father announced the 360,000 Couple Blessing, we were shocked!

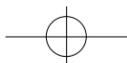
Only God and True Parents believed in such possibilities which were coming. Their vision is so great. Ours is so small. On November 29, at RFK Stadium, the whole world will be watching; the physical world and the spiritual world, all of the cosmos will be watching. The world will know they can trust the vision of Reverend Moon.

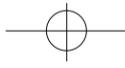
Value of lineage

People are looking for blessing and protection. According to Father, we have three problems: 1) satanic lineage problem; 2) youth problem; and 3) family problem. These are the biggest problems, all over the world. Actually, in the Bible we will find the word 'lineage' mentioned 700 times. The Judeo-Christian religion is Lineage religion, blood lineage religion. The first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew in the New Testament, gives all the generations of Jesus Christ's lineage. The first verse introduces us to those generations. The Bible is definitely a book of lineage.

In the world today, we do not realize the value of blood lineage. Blood lineage comes from where? The seed. The seed of life of our father and mother. The love and life investment of our father and mother. That small seed, that sperm of life coming from the lineage. This is multiplication upon multiplication, growing and becoming our physical body, forming our blood flow. If this blood circulation jammed just one minute we would die. This is our lineage. But does this blood lineage only give life energy? No. It gives us our personality, our character, temperament, emotions, our conscious, our righteousness, the color of our skin, our hair, size of body, every potential thing within us comes from blood lineage. When looking for a marriage partner, families think of looking for people of good family background, good blood lineage. For lineage predestines our character and personality.

Spiritual leaders, prophets, scholars and others have questioned from generation to generation down through the ages, "Why can't we solve the problems of humanity?" They have tried making better systems in societies, better organizations, improved prisons, many things—but nothing has solved human problems. The most important element is blood lineage. We might think of a fine looking candlestick holding a wax candle. If the candle wax is good wax,





to RFK

the flame of the candle is beautiful; but if the wax is not good quality, then the flame will give off ugly smoke and will pollute the air rather than give off a beautiful light. So all the potential of the candlestick and candle is hidden within the candle.

True Father takes responsibility to change our blood lineage. Before Jesus came into the world, God prepared the bloodline, the blood lineage down through the ages, for his birth. And Jesus was born of God's lineage, holy lineage. Disciple Matthew tried to explain the greatness of Jesus' lineage. He tried to explain "you killed this special person, Jesus Christ, but he came from a special lineage. He's the messiah, he is the king of kings, he was the chosen people's hope, but you killed him."

Restoration of lineage

True Father's great teaching to humanity includes: 1) We must be re-created or restored; 2) for the price of this restoration we must pay indemnity; and 3) we must be engrafted to True Parents' lineage. Lineage is priceless. It is also the problem. Because we are fallen, bad lineage is a problem. We struggle. But we need to understand that we must change this blood lineage. And now is the time in history to do it. Before the year 2000, all the world will have the opportunity to be blessed.

So why does Jesus have to come again? To change the blood lineage once and for all. Without the messiah, the chosen one, the True Parents, it cannot be done.

To help you in your work to bring couples to RFK Stadium, let me include the testimony of Westchester County member Mrs. Natsue Erstling (excerpted and paraphrased):

Testimony of Natsue Erstling

In order to inspire couples to go to Washington, DC we have to make their original minds happy. To do that we teach Divine Principle as much as possible. We must also make them aware that it is not just for the happiness of their own couple, but for their entire family as well, including their grandparents, and great grand-parents. And especially tell them how all of these relatives, even in the spiritual world, worked so hard all their lives and suffered and sacrificed and probably died as lonely people.

Explain to them that it is because of these kinds of ancestors down through their lineage that their couple can now merit being in the blessed position. Encourage the couples to think in terms of how important their role is now to be the connecting force for all their ancestors' sacrifice. Explain that by going to receive the final prayer on November 29 they will complete their blessing and they will be a part of Jesus' direct lineage. They will be proud to hear this whether they are Christian or not. Remind them that they must not make a sexual mistake. They must take responsibility to live morally. Remind them that the small amount of money they are paying is nothing compared to the joy that their ancestors feel at being liberated. The ancestors will advance to a higher and brighter place in the spiritual world.

Tell them the holy wine or nectar which they drank is so precious. Ancestors will

see the value of that too. They will also be there with the couple during the holy ceremony.

No matter what their cultural background or religion, once they take the holy wine they will understand all that you say. Many times you will cry together and pray together. You will come to trust each other. Discuss that these are the Last Days and we must grasp this for-tune. Spirit world works strongly when we teach Divine Principle.

Talking about all the immorality of our society will not move their original mind.



This is what you discussed with them when they signed registration and took the wine, but you must talk about deeper, spiritual things if they are to be inspired to go to RFK. Only truth will move peoples' hearts and original minds. Assure them you will continue to be their tribal messiah even after Nov. 29. (Natsue's family has testified that she sacrifices everything, day and night, for all those she has blessed. She takes her responsibility very seriously and is an inspiration to others.)

Towards right direction

We must repent that we have not fulfilled according to Heaven's desires and determine to have a more responsible attitude from this time on. True Parents are being so serious themselves about everything. Big things and small things. And another thing we can thank True Parents for: there will be a heated pad for each person as they enter the stadium. Can you imagine! If all those coming on Nov. 29th could only know all the concerns and care and love that True Parents are giving to details for participants! So there are many extras that will be available, not to mention the singing, dancing, laser show and fireworks. At the beginning of the RFK planning, there was to be a banquet for a few hundred people, but True Father said "everyone is to have a banquet!" So a banquet in a box will be available for all.

This is like John's vision when the angel said, *Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb* (Rev. 19:9). The holy banquet, the marriage supper of the Lamb, is being fulfilled now. And we can see that it is happening in the way Jesus spoke in the book of Matthew: *The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again, he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner; my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and every-*

thing is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business... 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests (Matt. 22:1-10). And just as it was in the Old and New Testaments, so it is now in the Completed Testament. We must carefully prepare for all to get to RFK. Heaven will prepare all benefit and protection for us all.

Five points of guidance

The following are five points of advice:

One of the designs by Peter van Geldern for the RFK ceremony

1) If you absolutely believe, now God, all the angelic world, saints and sages, Pres. George Washington, Pres. Abraham Lincoln, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., all of them are now on Earth to help us. But if our Tribal Messiahs are not active, then they cannot help us.

(Rev. Jae Suk Kim in Boston had this dream: True Father appeared and encouraged Rev. Kim, saying "when we are active in mobilizing couples to come to RFK Stadium spirit world will support and help our region. True Parents have already established the foundation. True Father wants us to inherit his victory. Even if the current result is slow, if we invest ourselves we can experience their reality of Heavenly Father's support. Don't be discouraged.")

2) Tribal messiahs should find John the Baptists to assist in the mobilization, like good newly blessed couples.

3) Make sure all your pre-Blessed people get mailouts, either through the computer database or yourself doing mailings. And follow up with phone calls.

4) Make one bus your goal. Each tribal messiah should bring at least one bus. To assist members who are not active in this campaign, trinities are being formed; three couples working together to pool their people and participation. This is being organized.

5) This RFK event is historical, never to happen again in this way. So even if we must go into debt, we must fulfill. If we invest some small amount for each couple who can't pay, it will be to our eternal credit.

We must continue to bless more people. We must think of heavenly registration. We can be proud Tribal Messiahs. We are living in these great times so we can do greater things than all others in history. Our ancestors in the spiritual world are lined up before Heung-Jin-Nim and Dae-Mo-Nim, waiting in anticipation. They are happy that we are

with the True Parents but we must be active in this campaign so they can feel honor and look forward to a brighter future. We must not disappoint those depending on us.

RFK and the Roman Coliseum

Do we think RFK Stadium is just an ordinary stadium? No. The world will be watching this center of the world, Washington, DC, RFK Stadium. What was the center of the world at the time of Jesus? The city of Rome. 2000 years ago, Jesus began his ministry at the Sea of Galilee. If you went to that area today you would just see a small village where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount and taught many things. But that was not the center of the world. The center of the

world was the city of Rome, the Roman Empire at that time.

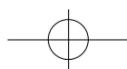
If Jesus had been successful in marching into the city of Rome, and had been welcomed by the mayor of Rome and the emperor of Rome, Jesus could have taught them all about God and His purpose. Then together they would have planned for Jesus to appear at the Coliseum of Rome to hold the first Blessing for all those he had been teaching on the hillsides and by the sea. But Jesus was not welcomed and instead, he died in Jerusalem by the hands of Judaism and the military power of the Roman Empire. From that time, history completely changed its course—from hope to darkness!

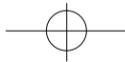
Instead of a glorious celebration of life, the Roman Coliseum became the scene of martyrdom. It became the place of bloody sacrifice. So many Christians became the victims of terrible deaths by Satan. Rome became the most immoral city in the world. The entire Empire became an immoral empire and the center of miserable history.

America is the second Roman Empire. The modern-day Roman Empire. New York City-Washington, DC is the city of Rome. America has not welcomed True Father in the 25 years he has been here. The media especially has caused so much trouble. However, True Parents have paid the indemnity; and we as blessed couples, have remained united with True Parents and worked hard and brought about this kind of chance now in 1997.

In Washington, DC, Mayor Marion Barry has welcomed True Parents and has even enthusiastically joined in the planning of the event. Furthermore, his own couple will be blessed by True Parents on November 29. This was Jesus' dream 2000 years ago, now being fulfilled finally by True Parents! You should collect as many different flyers, and such things as you can, to remember this historical day and show your descendants. We don't realize what figures of history

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which each member is ready to give everything for others. That family will exist for eternity.

Are this world's people true people? No. You can ask God. Even if one is not perfect, at least one should humbly seek to be so, while repenting. Instead we hear them boast of being such a great man or woman. God will turn away. If you understand this, you can know the meaning of the Kingdom of God. Are you confident to enter there? Even taking as much time as necessary? Even eternity?

Because no one could reach this, God had to send the Messiah. The purpose of the messiah is to give the blessing of marriage, to marry people. God's desired world is still vacant. We fell, descendants of Adam and Eve, with no qualification to live in the Garden of Eden. So, even if it takes billions of years, in the spirit world, we have to build that kind of world. Beginning from Adam and Eve, even the good ancestors and Jesus and the saints, none are qualified to enter that world.

So Jesus taught to love our enemy. Embrace the world as we embrace our spouse. The family is the micro-world. The family is the palace of love. Through family unity comes unity of above and below, left and right, front and rear. Parent, child, husband, wife, brother sister. By the relationship comes the power of love by which we are elevated. The



higher the speed of love, the greater the power of elevation. That course from the center up is the super highway of true love.

Beyond family is tribe. Love draws everything up here too. It is the same on level of the people, the nation. But if there is a downward power, you cannot advance. The power pulling you down power is self-centeredness.

Wives should be able to die 100 times for your husband. Then God will come down to you. If you cannot go beyond loving enemies, you cannot enter the kingdom of God. You are called to recreate your enemies, which is harder than creating in the first place.

If the family totally gives for the tribe, then the family doesn't exist any more, but is the center of the tribe. It didn't disappear, but was elevated to the higher level. The entire tribe then can live for the national level.

So, Adam and Eve would have been the center of every level up to God. Becoming one with God, that moment we would see lightning and thunder. Every cell of God would become Adam and Eve's cell. [Something about opposite sex power.] God and Adam and Eve would have been knocked out together. All universe connecting there, centering on God. All people want this reality world. Invest yourself to find this. Then everything would be dancing. You have heard that you are better than Father, so you should

This is the world of total freedom. We can all shout mansei! Amen! Ascending to the kingdom of heaven is no problem by this principle. This world was lost because of the

fall of man, so a man should emerge out of this fall and become true parents.

God first created man, then woman. Western women may want to take the plus position, leading men. Ask children, people of the past and future, all will agree that the upper part is plus, the lower part minus. The center point is where they meet. When you make love, the man should be in the upper position. The woman is in the shape to receive the water, therefore in the lower position, so it does not spill. We receive the seed of life from Father, passing down all the way.

We should use the term, global family, not global village. The family divided at the beginning, so we are able solidify it. If you can create the center family, then the kingdom of God can be created instantly in the world. Is there a food industry in spirit world? An automobile factory? Airplanes? True love works in the world of essence. Everything is possible in the spirit world, as long as you have a mind of love. You can create just as God has done. You can put diamonds on your nose, ears, e

Love power is the power of motive. Absolute love being there means your instant feeling and intuition can be actualized right there. Father travels into that world, even while sitting in prison, although he is very serious. To travel there like Father, you should be able to go beyond death. Then no suffering can separate you. But you cannot enter that world by yourself. You enter with your spouse. That is why Father is promoting the Blessing for all humanity.

There was no one but Eve for Adam. He had no choice, no ability to make a selection, no second person. The elec-

tric power would increase the more contact they have. Adam and Eve's bodies would become one. Then they can roll together. By doing so, their sexual organs eventually meet and God cannot even separate them then. Then God will declare that what is mine is yours, yours in mine, the entire universe is yours and mine together. I am in you and you are in me.

Father has prepared this super highway which can take you everywhere, on such a roller coaster ride.

Last Nov. 1, Father returned to South America and he declared the settlement of the FFWPU and liberation from indemnity. No more obstacles. That's why Father declared the cosmic realm of Sabbath. So we can receive God; He can come to our level. Now God is no longer behind us, but can come into us. Every level of being can travel on God's highway—a family, a society, a nation, a world.

When I told you to fulfill the 3.6 million couple blessing, no one had confidence. But now we have over ten times that. Father knows that 360 million couples can be achieved within 6 months if you all become like Father. But how much can you? Father built the superhighway, and gave you the best car, but your task is to get the gasoline. I can travel in any way.

How can we cut Satan's lineage? It is difficult in God's position, so the messiah had to come to the earth. At the time of the Exodus, God separated the Israelites from the fallen kingdom. By the same token, although Father has taught everything, if some people remain behind, there will be a line drawn, as at Exodus. Consider: even the first children of God, Adam and Eve, the only ones, when they made a mistake, God cut them off. It will be the same for us. Only God knows the final day when the

So Rev. Moon is serious. True Parents cannot be a dictator, like Stalin or Hitler. When God had to sacrifice those He loves, it was because the time had come. When we do not fulfill our responsibility, suffering inevitably comes about. Now is the time of the second coming. We do not know what will happen. A fearful time will come. Father's lifelong motto is to march until the end, his entire lifetime.

Every level of the world, nations, religions, all of them, need True Parents. Even God needs True Parents. Parents determine blood lineage. Everyone understands this and can restore their historical status. 360 million homes will affect about three billion people. This will reach all leaders. If there had been no fall, then Adam would have been the king of every level. God's form would be Adam's form. ❖

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gion is the only way to reverse it. Become a martyr; sacrifice yourself. Jesus said your family members will be your enemy, preventing you from going to God. Satan is a false plus. Erase it and replace it with an original plus. It is a long term process.

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Division between heaven and hell takes place in myself. The mind belongs to the public, the body centers on the self. America is individualistic. The public way is that love goes from the husband to the wife, from the wife to the children, from the children to the neighbors, etc. Selfish individualism will perish.

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Your meritorious service is based on heart, not money.

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True Children are found in the family. The family is the training ground to love people of all kinds, the kinds who are like your parents, like your children, like your relatives. When this ethic is practiced, the world will be like one family. That is the completion of the providence of salvation. ❖

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we are. Please heed my words here and do not space out to bring shame to your lineage. We want to be proud people of history. How? By having Absolute Faith, Absolute Love and Absolute Obedience. This is our direction.

This is the day God longed for. This is the day Jesus longed for. We must succeed. We must not repeat history. If we think that it does not matter, if we think that "even if RFK is not successful, there is no problem" beware!! The

world today, the Roman Empire of today, is far more steeped in immorality and degradation. Satan has a much stronger hold. This means our efforts must be greater. We are in far more danger today than ever before in history. Our fate will be far worse than 2000 years ago in Rome. Our children will not survive.

The Roman Coliseum is a symbol of the suffering of the Christian martyrs during the 400 years of persecution. This suffering, as we know from our study of the Principle, happened because of the failure to receive Jesus. So RFK will be like a reversal of the Coliseum, a great crowd welcoming God's Blessing rather

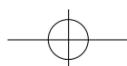
than a great crowd spurning it as they did 2000 years ago.

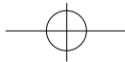
So RFK—the "Royal Family Kingdom"—will be the eye of the hurricane of the True Families movement, and the influence of this event will spread out over the world and into history.

Satan is weakening our society. We must fight, not be complacent. Do not be like the Israelites who came out of the wilderness and into Canaan and instead of working hard to absorb the Canaanites with the heavenly tradition, they got absorbed into that society, taking the easy way! After all that Moses had done to get them there!

On the foundation of the victory at RFK November 29, we will push on to the year 2000 and change the world. November 30 will be our new start. How wonderful. We must kick Satan from the Planet Earth! Let us be martyrs now to bring glory, not become martyrs at the hands of Satan. We must fight this battle and join this march to victory.

We want to bring as many people as possible to the Banquet of our Lord. **Everyone and everything is on our side as we victoriously march to RFK Stadium.** ❖





Preparations for the Upcoming Blessing

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

This report was given after Belvedere Sunday Service on November 2, 1997. These are based on unofficial notes taken by Dr. Hendricks.

I worked under Father's guidance for the first, second and now third WCSF. This event did not come up suddenly. During the 1988 Olympics Father directed that WCSF be announced. At the time I had no clear idea of Father's vision. So Father explained: eminent scholars, art and culture events, should take place together. From now Father will solve world conflict through the WCSF. Father will make a culture and sports forum, to create world harmony. Still I was not clear, but I guessed that Father had already made a strong worldwide foundation for peace, and to bring them to one place.

Then Father added the blessing to the program. I was challenged to combine a culture and sports festival with a marriage ceremony. I questioned Father often, but he was unwavering. The most important element for world peace, he said, is the family ideal. Culture and sports must link with the blessing ideal. So we advertised this in the Seoul newspapers in September of 1988.

I have followed Father forty years, and in many cases had a hard time to understand his new projects. After the ad came out, Father proclaimed the Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World. He already had that planned. Other holy days were based upon conditions laid within the church, but this one related with external conditions, specifically with the providential action of the Korean government. But the Korean government has virtually no understanding of Father's purpose.

The unified world will not come by political power, but by worldwide sports and culture, centering on one event. The fact that the CE88 Olympics were in Seoul was itself a miracle. Nagoya Japan was the competitor, and they had already built stadiums etc. Their economy and diplomatic relations were superior to those of Korea. But Korea won. In this way, the Korean government did help the providence.

Korea's national foundation day is October 3, and 1988 was the 4,321st year from the founding. All important numbers are there. 1 = God, 2 = dual characteristics, 3 = stages of growth, 4 = four position foundation and earth.

They total out as 10.

And True Parents' family were involved as athletes, as part of the Korean team. So God, True Parents and True Children were involved in the games. Father called missionaries from 120 nations, and directed them to serve everything to their own country's team. We brought trucks of McCol to all the athletes in the Olympic Village. Also we served the government ambassadors in every country.

Father invited all medal winners to the Little Angels Center. We gave them many gifts, especially to third world and communist world teams.

In 1980 the Olympics were in Moscow, and 1984 in LA. Many refused to attend 1980 because of Afghanistan. To retaliate, communists did not attend LA. The super-powers each had half an Olympic game. The Seoul games had 160 nations, the largest in history. Communist countries sent athletes despite having no diplomatic relations with Korea. It was to fill the external form and condition.

Why was Father so excited, watching three televisions? True Parents watched the entirety of the games, they really enjoyed them. More than any Korean, Father welcomed all participants. He made the unified world foundation, and proclaimed the one nation of the unified world. Only Father understood, and laid all the conditions before the proclamation. Father said the WCSF will soon be the most important world event.

Blessing Testimonies

1992 was the first WCSF, and it marked a new level of the blessing. The conditions had been very difficult, but this was the formation stage of the globalization of the blessing ceremony. It was the tenth blessing ceremony since 1960, with 30,000 couples. Until then we had the condition of 3 spiritual children and 7 day fasting and 3 years in church to receive the blessing. But that year, Father decided to invite members of all churches. So I found Muslim, Sikh and Christian leaders to receive the Blessing. It was not many, but Father was happy.

1995 growth stage was 360,000 couples, as growth stage it was very

hard. But now God and spirit world are assisting so much. As of last Wednesday, the total is 24,596,000 couples. Many miracles and spiritual phenomena. One example, in the former CIS, one non-mainstream Christian arch-

back the certificate.

A secular leader met our young sister, attacked and persecuted her. She was 22 years old, and she stood up to him and challenged his sources. His conscience was struck, and he could not get her out of his mind. He invited her to his home, and she came with her leader. Then, his father was sick and his mother took care of him. His mother had the dream of the two members nursing her husband. She told him the dream.

The next day, he had a dream falling down a cliff, holding onto the missionary's left hand. In her right hand was a cup of holy wine. He drank it and found himself in a safe place. He started pre-blessing large groups,

and the country has 2.5 million pre-blessings now.

So, even though you work hard, don't think you did it. Think of the blessing history from 36 couples blessing on. It always had a miserable environment, receiving persecution for no reason. But now, until Nov. 29, Father said he is focusing on one point, the blessing ceremony. He wants to embrace all humankind, to give the blessing. Don't be arrogant, thinking that you did it.

We pledged to True Parents that worldwide we will reach 39.6 million couples by Nov. 29. You will experience this miracle, if you take part in it. National leaders and National Messiahs are working hard everyday.

RFK Providence

At the Oct 29 press conference, the media people gave no negative reaction. They asked how much budget and its source, and

a reporter asked about what we are doing about all the other problems besides families? I said, we do not deny all the problems, but the most important one is the family, because it is related with human destiny. We have IRFF and agricultural and technological programs, and hunger solutions. But the most fundamental problem is family.

Mayor Barry publicly welcomed WCSF III at his press conference. The first two had no official welcome. This one even had an official invitation. Now we have received one from a big Asian country, too. Rev. Kim had announced WCSF III and received extensive positive press coverage. The next day, the government issued the invitation. The big festivals will be celebrated in many cities at the same time. It is a forum for a peaceful world.

Another reporter asked him, "I heard

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Matching at East Garden

bishop was tortured so much for his faith, in jail, and was told spiritually to live as a celibate, even though he and his wife live together, for 15 years. Recently he met our movement, and testified that True Father is the second coming, the seed of God's new life and True Parents.

Ultimately he had a chance to meet



True Parents. When our National Messiah met this archbishop, she led a song session, clapping strongly. He joined and danced with complete unity, more than our own members, more excited than us. He received the blessing, and took holy wine to share with his followers. He understood without explanation.

In Africa, a minister was blessed, but the next day he was visited by his denomination's European leaders. He was shocked that he had joined this terrible sect. He went back and reneged the blessing. That night, Jesus came to him and told him to follow him. Jesus took him to a room, and he bowed to Jesus. Then Jesus took him to a higher place, and Jesus told him to bow, and he did and looked up and it was True Parents.

He became ashamed, and he sent his wife. UC leader gave condition of fasting and prayer. They did, and received

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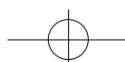
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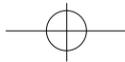
There are now two web sites about the upcoming Blessing (W.C.S.F.) in Washington D.C. They are:

and www.wcsf.org
and www.truefamilies.com

People have questions about the satellite transmission. These sites will have the most updated information on just about everything surrounding this festival.

If there are specific additional questions about the satellite transmission, contact me by e-mail at: mleone@radix.net ♦





World Culture and Sports Festival III Schedule

This is the tentative schedule of events at the time of going to press.

Blessing '97

Worldwide Celebration of Love
November 29, RFK Stadium, Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, following the Blessing Ceremony, there will be a special entertainment performance in honor of the international couples. Performances will feature artists from several world cultures, including Korean pop artist, Cho Yong Pil, and Grammy Award winner, Jon Secada. The grand finale will be performed by another Grammy Award winner, Ms. Whitney Houston. The celebration will conclude with a twilight fireworks display.

Federation for World Peace - FWP

Fourth World Peace Conference
"A World Vision for the 21st Century"
November 26-28, Capital Hilton Hotel

Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace - IRFWP

1997 IRFWP Congress
"The Founders and Shapers of the World's Religions"
November 25-30, Washington Hilton and Towers

Professors World Peace Academy - PWPA

Seventh International Congress

"Identity and Character: The Influence of Family and Society on Personality Development"
November 24-30, Washington Hilton and Towers

Women's Federation for World Peace - WFWP

Third WFWP Convention
"Women of the New Millennium: Loving and Serving the World"
November 26-December 1, Grand Hyatt Hotel

International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences - ICUS

Twenty-first ICUS Conference
"Science for the Benefit of Humanity"
November 24-30, Washington Hilton and Towers

World Media Association - WMA

Fourteenth World Media Conference
"Globalization and the Media: Looking Toward the 21st Century"
November 26-December 1, JW Marriott Hotel

Sportsfest!

International Sports Festival
"Pure Mind, Pure Body"
November 23-29, Washington, DC.
Special event: R&B superstar Johnny Gill (of "New Edition" fame) will host a celebrity basketball game. Among the celebrities playing in the game will

be former Harlem Globetrotters Curly Neal and Tyrone "Hollywood" Brown, former ABA All-Star Freddie Lewis, and a number of special guests..

The Arts

November 23-30, Washington, DC. A host of internationally acclaimed classical performances are scheduled throughout the week including a recital by violinist Aaron Rosand, performances by the Kirov Academy of Ballet, the Shin Sekai Chamber Ensemble, and the New York City Symphony Orchestra. Additionally, there will be a jazz concert headlined by jazz sensation Spyro Gyra. The "Love Alive Concert," a benefit for Cora Masters Barry's Recreation Wish Foundation and The Hospital for Sick Children, will be headlined by native Washingtonian R&B artist Kenny Lattimore. Also performing at the same concert will be R&B recording artist Tony Terry and comic Jonathan Slocumb. In keeping with the spirit of the Festival, seasoned gospel artist Vickie Winans will also be in concert.

World CARP

November 28, Washington, DC.
International Student Convention
"Pure Love"
Including a rally for sexual purity at the Capitol Reflecting Pool and a ben-

efit march and concert with R&B singer, Kenny Lattimore. Proceeds will go to the Sick Children's Hospital of Washington, DC.

WCSF Special Exhibition

November 26-29, DC. National Armory

World University Federation

"The Role of Universities in the Creation of World Citizens"
November 26, Washington Hilton and Towers

Federation of Peninsula Nations for World Peace

"International Cooperation and Peace in the 21st Century"
November 27, Washington Hilton and Towers

Literary Federation for World Peace

"The Transforming Power of Literature: Directions for the 21st Century"

Martial Arts Convention

Youth Federation for World Peace - YFWP

3rd World Congress
"Youth for the Family, Nation and World"
November 26-30, Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill ❖

Preparing Native Americans for the Blessing

by Michael and Yukiko Yakawich—
Billings, MT

The mountains jut out from the Great Plains embracing the great "Big Sky Country." How we love the land and the people who dwell in this state. The cultures are vast and as wide as the state. Even though the population is not huge, the heart of its people is broad and deep. This is Montana.

As we gather in Washington, DC for the Nov. 29th event, I reflect on the many who will be part of this event even though unable to travel so far to be in person to be with us there in DC.

This has been an exciting year. The summer days now wane into autumn as the snow-capped mountains beam from afar. We have traveled many miles throughout Montana working on pre-Blessing programs. From the local church events to door-to-door, table setups and community events. It is here for a moment that our memories of the Native American people are revisited.

The Native Americans have touched a special place in my heart. They have indeed been a big highlight of our relationship and our work with the pre-blessings. Though we have gotten to know each other through fundraising activities and USA programs, this summer help deepen our bonds. Not intending to make a cultural or historical analysis, this article is simply a tribute to

the nations of the Crow, Salish, Kootenai, Pend d' Oreilles, Gros Ventre, Northern Cheyenne, Assiniboine, Blackfoot, Sioux, Chippewa-Cree, as well as the many other Native American Nations we could have met or interacted with.

Their appreciation for "Chief" Sun Myung Moon has been expressed in their own appreciation for us. Inviting us to their homes, sharing over pre-blessings at table set-ups and community programs, they have donated and expressed their kindness in many ways.



At the Crow Fair, the "Teepee Capital of the World," we could meet and interact with so many Native American nations. Their traditions of dress are so beautiful, their songs and dances so rich, and the foods very tasty and

unique. Here we could present a large wood inlay of an eagle family to the Tribal Council before the large audience in August on behalf of the Family Federation for World Peace.

As we gather in honor and in blessing, we were reminded in Pryor, Montana how dignified and how much value is placed on the family. Even though their culture has been faced with the same problems of drugs, divorce and other social problems, they still strive to maintain the values of respect for elders, reverence to the Creator, care for the creation and keeping the extended family intact.

Some called us the Blessing Minister as we traveled through some of the towns. They gave us fried bread and jerked meat to eat. I was "smudged" by one elder giving me his blessing in return. Some offered us gifts as simple and as precious as a feather or some carving in gratitude for our work for the Family Federation for World Peace.

Therefore, our country is filled with so many wonderful nationalities, cultures and traditions. As with the Native Americans, they are the true founders of this great land of ours and to me deeply my brothers and sisters. It is through the vision of Rev. Moon that all races and peoples may live as one family. As with these, traditions



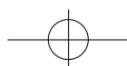
of family and the Creator are also deeply embodied within the Native American culture. They have been my teacher and have inspired me to a deeper understanding of the land I walk on, the people I interact with and the life I live.

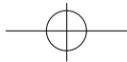
As I worked at the pre-Blessing table in St. Ignatius, MT, a wood carver came to me and said, "Here is a wood carving of a Native American couple. Thank you for all that you are doing for my people." Another time, as I was working door-to-door, a child came running after me hollering for me to stop! Having pre-blessed her parents, she ran after me to give me \$5 from her parents in gratitude for what I just did for them.

One grandmother rushed to the door to greet me at her home. She said, "You must be the Blessing Minister. I have heard about you walking all over my town. Please come in and meet my family," expressing to me such special humility and kindness.

The DiLorenzo's, Martins, Reuther-Affor and Lamphier couples also have

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Chicago Ministers and the Blessing

by Richard Lemont—Chicago, IL

As the Chicago Community marches forward toward the November 29th Blessing of 3.6 million couples in Washington, D.C., we have held a series of banquets, programs and blessings. These programs overwhelmingly have centered on the foundation of Christian ministers that we have been working with throughout the past 15 years. Many of these ministers began relating to us back in 1983 when the ICC conferences began in the Bahamas. Others joined us through the CAUSA Seminars and still others joined us during the Common Suffering Fellowship. Many of the ministers went on the Korean ICC Seminars. Through the leadership of our Korean Regional Directors, we have worshipped with, served and visited these ministers. At one point we divided the city of Chicago up into the 50 political wards (districts) and assigned each Tribal Messiah Couple to take responsibility for all of the ICC/CAUSA ministers in their ward. Each couple would attend Sunday service, Wednesday night Bible study and help serve the minister in their community service projects. We would attend church anniversaries, birthday celebrations and other special occasions. Especially important was the time in between our providential events—when we could just visit and fellowship with the ministers. Some ministers would slip away for some period of time—it seemed that God called different ministers at different times—but through it all, many of our CAUSA and ICC ministers stayed with us.

But what has been happening since the Blessing providence began is that more and more new ministers have been joining us. This is in addition to our old friends who continue to support us. Examples here are Rev. M.E. Sardon, whom we met through Project Volunteer in 1983, Reverend Olivia Jones, who met us through the Korean ICC trip (and who still puts a thank-you to our True Parents on her anniversary service bulletin) and Rev. Walter Butts, "the Big Man", an incredible

gospel singer ("Get High on Jesus") who has sung for nearly every major program which we have held over the past decade, culminating in his singing for our True Parents on their Birthday in 1995. But also, many new ministers have been reached through WFWP conferences and the True Family Values Ministry. One of our



Rev. Lucius Hall and, below, Rev. Thomas Jackson



more recent friends, Rev. T.L. Barrett, has hosted True Mother and Rev. Pak and held several blessing ceremonies in his Church. He even spoke at the Holy Wedding of our True Parents' youngest sons, held last September.

So it is on this foundation that our Regional "Bishop", Rev. Ki Hun Kim gathered over 200 ministers and clergy for a banquet in Chicago to kick off our final 40-day preparation for the November 29th blessing. What was unique about this gathering was the mixture of new ministers with so many of our old friends. Rev. Joong Hyun Pak, our Continental Leader, flew in to greet many of the True Family Ministry graduates whom he had met in Washington, D.C. His slide show and presentation focusing on the upcoming blessing deeply moved the ministers to prepare their members to go to RFK Stadium. Even the fact

that they would have to leave on Thanksgiving night and return early in the morning, just a couple of hours before their own Sunday service, seemed to be no obstacle. Rev. Barrett had sent seven busses to Washington for the Million Man March, and now he felt inspired to send ten busses for the 3.6 Million Couple Blessing.

Dr. Archie Hargraves, the pastor of

give tribute to the many people who continue to be part of this event. Even though there are many who will not be able to travel so far to DC with us, we acknowledge them as part of this unique and worldwide event. We will bring back to them the heart of this event to share with them in their homes and in their communities in order to continue the blessing and building stronger ties for all the families we have met and more to meet in the future. ♦



the reality was that in a banquet room filled to capacity, even one extra table had to be set up, well after the luncheon had begun. And the ministers did not come alone. They brought their assistant pastors, their ministers of music, their friends, their families and other ministers.

So, as we proceed toward November 29th, our hope is that we will be able to combine our 185 blessed couples, along

with significant numbers from the congregations of our ministers, to fill busses to join the celebration at RFK stadium. Even today, Rev. Barrett and Rev. Dunlap have taken the early bird shuttle to Washington in order to join Rev. Kwak, Mr. Salonen and Mayor Marion Barry of Washington in announcing the schedule of the World Culture and Sports Festival and the Blessing Celebration.

In Chicago, we have suspended our regular Sunday Service until after the blessing in order for our members to visit churches to invite their congregations to RFK Stadium. We are also attending their Wednesday night Bible studies and coming together at our church early Sunday morning for inspiration and preparation. We are also gathering on Monday nights for testimonies.

What is totally apparent is that God is working. Through the experience at the Ministers Banquet and the individual experiences of our members at the various churches, it is apparent that God is real, God is alive and God

wants every faithful Christian in America to participate at the RFK Stadium Blessing celebration. So our members are getting out, we are visiting the churches and we are working to fill our busses to come to Washington, D.C. ♦

guided me. You already learned in school, they said. Again I tried, a year later. You love me, please, I beg you to meet them, because they are so good to me. They said, okay. I didn't say you will kyung bae. But at the moment, I said he is an historical teacher, so we should kyung bae, and I initiated. So they followed. Later, in 1988, they received the blessing.

Buying gifts for your parents is not important. The blessing is important. Send a letter, telephone and visit. Especially now, it is easy to give this best gift. They will give thanks later. How will they feel in spirit world if they are not blessed.

Dr. Sang Hun Lee went to spirit world and felt desperate to let us know the spirit world reality. He met Jesus, John the Baptist, Adam and Eve, Swedenborg, Kim Il Sung, and found out their status. He said, once you are there, there is no freedom. You have a certain status based upon your life on earth, and that is all. ♦



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many ministers are against this because it is connected with Rev. Moon." Barry called Dr. Bennett to answer, and Bennett asked Rev. Schanker also to the microphone. Bennett said, if we argue doctrine, ten years is not enough. I work with them because they never deny others' value, and promote sexual purity for youth, so we joyfully support and welcome this movement.

Years ago, we received so much persecution, and so our physical families could not understand, and our relationship was strained. But gradually Father's victorious foundation built up, and after fifteen or twenty years, I began to have concern about my family, my parents. If their son is serving True Parents, they must at least give thanks to True Parents and kyung bae, as a minimum.

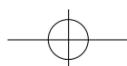
So I visited them and invited them to greet Rev. Moon and Mrs. Moon. They refused, but I explained how much they

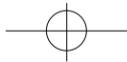
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many other testimonies as part of the Montana family's work on the True Family Festivals.

For all of these experiences, I thank God and Rev. Moon for such precious opportunities and such rich memories. The summer of 1997 has been an unforgettable summer. Now as the seasons change and we gather in Washington, DC for the main Blessing event, I do





"Spirit Talk" is on the air!

by Greg Davis—Long Island, NY

Good evening, ladies and 'gentlebeans'—welcome to Spirit Talk! I am glad you tuned in this evening. Welcome to 'The Quiet Revolution' with your host and fellow traveler, Greg Davis."

If you were to tune in to WCNJ 89.3 FM on your radio at 10pm Saturdays, that is what you would hear. I am happy to announce that I am joining the ranks of radio talk/disc jockeys currently hosting talk format shows.

My show is featuring contemporary upbeat music-with-a-message, interspersed with talk segments dealing

with contemporary news issues and stories reported and commented on with a decidedly spiritual (DP) point of view. I intend to "tell it like it is" without preaching and let the listeners decide if the message is right.

The spirit world is sending many messages now to people of faith as well as those of a sincere conscience, about important events taking place at this time in history. Witness the phenomena of the funerals of both Mother Teresa and Princess Diana, the Promise Keepers rally, and of course Blessing '97. These were spiritual events. In many cases people may not be aware of the providential significance of these events but nonetheless they are being led to participate. I am

reminded of the movie "Field of Dreams," in which the main characters were "inspired" to go all over the place without realizing why they were doing it, but at the same time being firmly convinced that it was important to do so.

The show is broadcast live from the WCNJ New Jersey studio every Saturday night and is picked up in the middle New Jersey area, as well as in parts of Long Island's south shore and outlying Philadelphia. It is also carried by several satellite networks throughout the country. Listeners can call in to an 800 number (800-900-0190) nationwide, or locally (732-888-7775) to comment or have a discussion on air. There will be guests both in studio and via

phone, from time to time, dealing with many different subjects and issues.

I have worked for over a year to get "on the air" and I am determined to play a part in this "gentle coaxing." I have received a lot of support and encouragement from many brothers and sisters in this effort, for which I am deeply grateful. I invited you to tune in, and call in. See ya on the "radio"!

Greg Davis is a UTS grad living and working in Long Island. If you are interested in helping to support this program or want more information, call him at 516-667-1056. ❖

www.Tparents.org

by Gary Fleisher—Denver, CO

The web site I am creating at www.Tparents.org is looking for links. If you know of a Unification resource on the World Wide Web, email the url to garyfleisher@parents.org or go to www.Tparents.org and leave a message for the webmaster. (A url is a location, for instance "www.microsoft.com" is a url.)

Currently www.Tparents.org has over 40 links to businesses, spiritual resources, educational institutions, and organizations that are associated with Reverend Moon. To view these links enter <http://www.Tparents.org> in your browser. When you reach www.Tparents.org select "Library" from the navigation bar. Once in the Library select "www Links" from the library navigation bar. You will see an alphabetical list of sites. Future plans

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are to put linked sites in a searchable database, to make it easier to find the kind of site you are looking for.

www.Tparents.org began testing in September. It is now up 24 hours a day, every day. About 5,000 pages of Unification data is now available. This is about one half of the contents of the Unofficial HSA-UWC BBS. The other

Looking for Web Links

5,000 pages should be up by True Parents' Birthday 1998.

www.Tparents.org is the continuation of the Unofficial HSA-UWC BBS. The BBS, founded in 1986 by Reverend Moon, contained a huge archive of Unificationist material. Only a small part of this material has previously been available on the web. Most web sites lease space, and cannot afford enough space to put the content of the HSA-UWC BBS on line. However, www.Tparents.org owns its own Internet Server, making it possible to hold the whole HSA-UWC BBS and continuous new additions.

Books that are already available on line include:

- Proclamation of the Messiah
- Blessing and Ideal Family
- Exposition of the Divine Principle (1996)
- God's Will and the World

Father's Course and Our Life of Faith, 21 talks by Reverend Won Pil Kim

Restoration of True Love
Divine Principle Level 4
Sermons of Reverend Sun Myung Moon (Several volumes)

The Divine Principle (1973 - Black Book)

God's Will and the Ocean
Textbook for World Peace
Twelve Talks of Reverend Moon
RSV and King James Bibles (with Apochrapha)

The Tradition, Book 1 (with diagrams and index)

www.Tparents.org contains endless information about the ministry of Reverend Sun Myung Moon, his family, and his followers. Email contributions (files not money) to Gary_Fleisher@Tparents.org. When you visit, please leave comments or suggestions. Tparents wants its web site to work for you. ❖

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Development of the New Jersey Unification Community

by Christine Libon—Paterson, NJ

Rev. Kil Hwan Kim has been helping members to revamp the church on Van Houten Avenue in more than just external ways. Specifically, the Youth Ministry is a targeted area. Over the past several months Mrs. Maxine Becker, Mrs. Jeanne Carroll, Mr. David Balise, Mrs. Ursula Kohama and many other wonderful respected brothers and sisters have been seriously reforming many activities for the second generation. Twenty-seven teachers are currently involved in the Sunday School, which is now divided into five age groups. The national curriculum developed by Kathy Wining is being used. Some teachers have been volunteering for years with no compensation. Mr. Brian Sabourin is a bright new light, inspiring everyone with his constant giving, serving and loving.

Activities for the youth include Sunday School, The Violets (performing arts club), Teen Nights, and now the soccer team! Mr. Tony Vozza heads the soccer, assisted by Carlos Libon, Peter Elliffe, Neil Angelino, David Konn, Mike Lima, and Steve Sprague. Both the children and parents are grateful and

excited to go to the field for an active game after Sunday School. The girls teams display most enthusiastic and action-packed games. Some skill training is also offered. There are ideas to play area teams, such as Westchester. With the winter season on its way, there might be table tennis indoors. Other future plans are up our sleeves.❖

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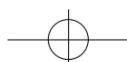
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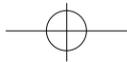
Inaively thought that the Moonies would be exposed and the group "would crumble" back in the late 1970s, said former church member Steve Hassan, 43, now a psychological counselor and anti-cult activist in Boston. "It's incomprehensible to me that it's 21 years since I got out of the Moonies and in that time, Moon owns the Washington Times and the University of Bridgeport and has wined and dined so many politicians and celebrities."

quoted in 'Blessing '97: Moon's Church Adapts, Endures' by Caryle Murphy, The Washington Post, Wednesday, November 19, 1997; Page B01

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True Family Night in the Ukraine

by Rev. Kyoung Hyo Kim—Kiev, Ukraine

From October 26 until November 5 the first "True Family Nights" took place in eight cities in Ukraine. Even though there was not much time to organize, it was a very good start of the following up program for the pre-blessed families. We could find out many possibilities through our first challenge and get the confidence. As the best result first of all we could contact thousands of blessed couples again. Many of them were so impressed by our re-contact. They were so glad that we did not forget them. Everyday all members visited 3 pre-blessed families and additionally made many phone call. To visit pre-blessed family is now becoming custom in our activity. It is an almost invisible activity but a very beautiful campaign.

We had already many good contacts which we got through door to door blessing. We could get very nice place and invite even good artist without any charge through these contacts.

Around 1,500 pre-blessed couples with many children watched our program. The program was very simple and humble. Our young member (pioneering center leader) showed at first a slide lecture presentation about family values. Next the other young mem-

ber read Father's speech "True family & true universe centering on true love," and after that I introduced True Parents to people. The culture event took place after Father's speech.

Somehow what I felt through watching these events was people were so sincere and very much prepared. Actually many of them did not know who is the founder of FFWPU. They listened quite carefully and kept the seat until the program finished even though the program was very simple, furthermore many places were so cold. We put 10 posters of the Unification movement near the entrance. In Dnepropetrovsk we presented TP's calendar of 1998 to the participants. In Donetsk and Kharkov the media came and we made the news.

As the reflection of this first event we felt so sorry to the pre-blessed families because we could not organize so well. However it had very meaningful value because we proclaimed Father's word in each cities. I deeply appreciate to Rev. Chung, Ukraine National Messiah that he gave us such idea. We will continue and develop this program as one of the new challenge for establishing Shimjung culture and True family culture in our cities. Report about the 4th Japanese Culture Night in Kharkov

From 1 to 3 of November the 4th

Japanese Culture Night in 1997 took place in Youth culture center in Kharkov. It was sponsored by FFWPU, WFWP and the Japanese Student Association in Kharkov. The program was very well organized and people could enjoy very much the different culture. Around 500 people came and many media made the interview and news.

This time many young students were invited from the universities. There were many interesting corner displays. The corner of "Kimono Sitschak" (to try to wear the Japanese traditional cloths) got the most interest. There were many sets of Japanese kimonos for adults and children, and decoration things. Specially the artificial Katsura (the wig of traditional hair style) was so funny. All visitors were enjoying this corner and even they had to make long line to wait for their turn. Many children enjoyed the origami corner. Japanese students who took the kimono were guiding them very kindly. All of them wanted to get the Chinese Kanji name written by the traditional oriental pen and the oriental writing style. Japanese students performed a very nice concert. All of them took Kimono and presented Japanese children songs, musical and comedy.

When we made the 1st event in the beginning of this year, it was orga-

nized very poorly. But these 4 events in this year brought many good result and experience for us. Specially this program was excellent for the Japanese student to unite. They got very precious joy in their life of faith through this opportunity. Each time when they finished the event they get more strong desire for the next event. In this year around 4,500 people came to this program throughout 4 events in Kharkov, Dnepropetrovsk and Zhitomir. Specially it was very big success in Zhitomir where around 3,000 people, almost pre-blessed families came.

This event is creating very good image about FFWPU & WFWP and Japanese. Many times the oriental people are the main target of the street police. This night of the 4th event one Japanese student was caught by police on the street and checked the passport. The police man said "today you made very nice event" and released him.

We will have more professional events in February of 1988 in Kiev, inviting the pre-blessed families. For this we started to register officially the Japanese student association cooperating with Japanese embassy.

Rev. Kyoung Hyo Kim is the regional director for Eastern Europe. ❖



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God Bless You, Mother Teresa

An article in the Sept. 12, 1997 *Clarion-Ledger*, Jackson, Miss., observed: "Mother Teresa, whose order—the Missionaries of Charity—is based in Calcutta and operates homes and hospices in more than 120 countries, died Sept. 5 at 87.... Most of [Mother Teresa's] mourners [are] middle-class Indians of all faiths. While a small number of the poor [come], the reality of India's intense poverty [means] many of the kinds of people who have received Mother Teresa's help would not have the money to make the trip." The article added: "The strong spiritual bond many Indians of different faiths feel for Mother Teresa, who was born in Eastern Europe, has taxed the organizers of her funeral to the limit...."

A Catholic News Service report in the Sept. 13 *Arkansas Catholic* pointed out: "When Mother Teresa died, Pope John Paul II lost an exceptional friend and ally. His sense of grief was apparent in a short but powerful tribute he paid Sept. 6, the day after her death in Calcutta. He said he had just

celebrated Mass with 'intimate emotion' for a nun whose lifelong witness of charity had affected the course of history. The pope recognized Mother Teresa's spiritual greatness long ago." The report added: "At time, their relationship seemed like a mutual admiration society—but it was much more than that. The pope viewed her as a remarkable living witness of Jesus' words, 'Do unto others what you would have them do unto you'."

An article in the Sept. 12 *USA Today* noted: "Mother Teresa always said she wasn't trying to change the world, just make it more bearable. She said she saw Jesus in the faces of half-dead people whose cheeks had been nibbled away by rats and maggots."

The *USA Today* article quoted several residents of Calcutta who had been positively influenced by Mother Teresa's charity and good deeds. For example, Agnes Maity, who was a student at the school founded by Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, observed: "Who will take care of us now? I was a girl when Mother picked me up in her arms. She got my brothers into good schools and got them good jobs. She always intervened. This area was saved only because of Mother."

Brian Christopher, who lived

across the street from the headquarters of the Missionaries of Charity, said: "I watched her come to the door, pay the taxi and take in a woman whose husband threw her out because she was pregnant with a girl. I've seen her pick up unwanted children left on her doorstep, and lepers who came to her house. It changes you a lot."

Sister Dolores, a member of the Missionaries of Charity in India, declared: "Mother says [our work] is only a drop in the ocean. We can't do everything. We offer a little comfort and a little love so that people can spend their last moments with dignity."

Despite her ailing health, Mother Teresa ministered to wounds which needed healing, to souls which needed saving. She continued to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, comfort the sick, console

the dying. Mother Teresa's charity and good deeds planted within others seeds of love from which love grows.

Mother Teresa possessed the kind of beauty which causes one to think of Christmas and of Easter and—ultimately—of God. It is not the kind of beauty celebrated by the Beautiful People of society who identify with wealth, popularity, social prestige and status symbols. Nor is it the beauty exhibited by *Playboy* and *Penthouse* models, television and movie idols and contestants in Miss Universe pageants. Rather, Mother Teresa possessed a moral and spiritual beauty—reflected in her face, eyes and good deeds—which far transcends mere physical beauty. Mother Teresa manifested the virtues of a genuinely liberated person: faith, hope, courage, charity. ❖

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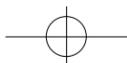
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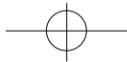
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TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

Mountain Tigers, Mountain Rabbits

by Chris Garcia

If you had been there, you would have seen three people walking among the trees in the moonlight. Feeling their way down a small path, talking to each other in whispers, they moved gently down the mountainside through the pine needles. You would have seen that the woman in the rear was fairly old, maybe 60 years old; the woman in front was fairly young, maybe 25 years old more or less; and the little girl walking between them down the mountain path was definitely six years old.

The little girl's name was Hak Ja Han, and she was humming with excitement and chattering with endless whispered questions to her mother and grandmother. She was excited because she was able to stay up so late at night, and because she was walking through a dark forest with her mother and grandmother, and because the last couple of weeks she'd been through so many adventures.

Her mother and grandmother were excited, too, but in a different way. You might say they were excited because they were scared. Unlike the child, they knew what was really happening. They knew all too well what war was, and that overnight their little country of Korea had gone crazy and was at war with itself. For the first time in thousands of years, Koreans were not fighting off the Chinese or Japanese, but were fighting against each other. It was a civil war.

Mrs. Hong was scared because she had been having terrible dreams at night of friends and relatives declaring war on her and coming to shoot her. That's what civil war was.

She was scared because of a neighbor who had tried to escape to the southern half of Korea at night, just like they were doing now, and she had stepped on a flat metal can buried in the ground of the road and gone straight home to Jesus in a clap of thunder and a flash of light. It was a land mine, a little bomb.

All these things pressed on Ju Nai Hong's heart as she led the way for her little girl and for her own mother. The starry night was full of dangerous things. The mountains were full of soldiers—the soldiers of the South and their American friends, and the soldiers of Kim Il Sung and his Chinese friends. A sneaky little can buried in the ground, or the sudden blast of a rifle behind a bush, might end their business on this earth at any moment. If they met South Koreans they would

probably be safe. If they met Kim Il Sung's army from the North, they would be sent back to the prison camp they had just escaped from or maybe just shot dead. It would all depend on how Kim Il Sung's people were feeling. Her life and her family's might simply hang on what the commanding officer had for dinner that evening. No more than that. That was how it was now. That was war. That was Korea.

But in her heart, Mrs. Hong couldn't believe that Jesus would let anything bad happen to them. He'd taken care of them so far. Hadn't he made a way for them to escape from that terrible prison camp? This is what had happened.

The communists had found out that the Hong's were part of Mrs. Ho Ho Bin's church. For that and other reasons they had spent the last two weeks in a prison camp. Then one afternoon an army truck full of oil barrels backed into the wire fence, tearing a hole in it. No one seemed to care about it. It was, after all, just a camp full of frightened women and children. No big deal.

That night, little Hak Ja Han was sleeping soundly when her mother came and woke her up. Grandmother and mother were all packed up with their clothes tied in a bundle.

"Let's go," whispered Mrs. Hong. She pulled Hak Ja Han out from under her blanket and told her to be very, very quiet or they would all be in a lot of trouble. She obeyed without a sound.

Outside in the prison yard, the rickety fence was lit by gasoline lanterns hanging from nails. The lanterns where the truck backed in were broken. Again, no big deal. Women and kids.

The three had one more thing going for them—the guard himself. He was a young man from the borderland of North Korea and Mongolia (which is a part of China). He had been taken by force from his pig farm, from his wife and children and a way of life he understood. Now here he was, guarding a pen full of children and terrorized women, like some shepherd from hell. He was miserable and depressed, and had taken to drinking moonshine which the farmers made from rice. He was babbling to himself, carrying on a conversation with his wife who lived far away.

He heard the jingle of the fence being lifted. He turned around, reaching for his rifle. He saw the three shadows, two big and one very small slipping through. He slammed the breach in and pulled back the hammer, but as he was lifting the stock

to his shoulder, he saw the tiny skirt of the little girl in the moonlight.

"Oh no," he thought. "Not a child." A sweet smelling alcohol tear trickled down his face. This wasn't his country; these were not his people. What in the world was he doing in a place like this, pulling his gun to shoot a little girl? Not this time, not for Kim Il Sung and his rotten bunch. He'd rather shoot those guys first. "Good-bye, ladies," he whispered. "Good luck. And watch where you step."

He raised his voice in an old Mongolian folksong, while the guard officer left his desk to come out and tell him to shut up.

It was the third night, and Mrs. Hong knew they must be getting close to the South. They had relatives somewhere in Chun Chon. But what kind of shape would Chun Chon be in by now? They didn't know whose army they would find there—if and when they got there.

Mrs. Hong felt the intensity of the spirit world all around her as they picked their way through the solid country darkness. They had traveled by night and slept by day. Now the sky was filled with stars and a sliver of a crescent moon. The cool night air seemed full of weight and soft winds that sounded like voices talking about them, deciding things about them. Hak Ja Han felt those voices too, and sometimes thought she could see the spirits around them. It distracted her from her tiredness and her hunger.

"Omma," she said, "are there still tigers in the forest?"

"I don't think so, dear," answered Mrs. Hong. And this was true as far as she knew. The farmers and ginseng hunters, in their little village of Ahn Joo, had said the wild animals had been driven from the mountains by the fighting of men and had gone to look for quieter hunting grounds. But you could never be sure about Siberian tigers, who weren't afraid of anything. "What about ghosts?" asked Hak Ja Han.

"Oh, probably there are some," said Mrs. Hong, trying to sound nonchalant. To deny it might draw bad luck. And her mysterious little girl had a funny way of knowing when people weren't saying what they really thought.

"Good ghosts or bad ghosts, Omma?" "I'm sure they're good ghosts."

"If we pray to God, maybe the good ghosts will protect us from the bad ones."

"Yes, yes," Mrs. Hong heard the shaking in her own voice and hoped her daughter hadn't noticed it. They were so alone out here! Anything could happen to them, and Satan had tried so many times before to destroy her little girl. She knew they had some great destiny to fulfill for God, and that was why they had to get to the South. Somewhere in the South, the Messiah would be waiting for them. But first, there were many things on the way they had to get through. Tigers. Yes, tigers—tigers with guns, whose hearts were worse than tigers who killed only for food. Those tigers were Kim Il Sung's army. She peered into the darkness and pulled her daughter closer to her.

"Omma," said Hak Ja Han, as they moved through the forest. "May I sing a song?"

"Sure, why not?" said Mrs. Hong wearily, putting one foot in front of the other.

"Do I still have to sing a song of Kim Il Sung?"

Good question! Just how far had they gone? She paused, then answered, "No." The sound of it made her begin to feel

strong, almost free. "Sing anything you want to, little daughter."

The little girl held up her finger on each hand next to her head like rabbit ears. She began hopping up and down as they went. "Bunny, bunny, hopping down the mountain trail, hopping hopping..."

Mrs. Hong stopped so suddenly that Grandmother bumped into her in the dark. She'd heard something among the trees. Hak Ja Han went hopping on ahead. There it was again. A low voice. The soft sound of metal on metal.

"Bunny, bunny, hopping down the trail..."

"Oh Jesus!" prayed Mrs. Hong silently, frozen with fear, unable to stop her daughter. "Oh Jesus, save your people!"

"Hopping, hopping..."

"The tigers have found us," thought Mrs. Hong. "Jesus, please!"

"Hopping, hopping..."

There was a crack and a flash of fire from behind a tree. It was a rifle. A bright electric light came on, shining in their eyes, blinding them. Suddenly the night was full of light and still they couldn't see. "Crack, crack," went the guns, and grandmother shrieked as a bullet hit the pine tree by her shoulder, spraying her with chips of tree bark.

"Holy Moses on a pony!" shouted a man's voice, in a language they had never heard before. "It's some women and a kid! Hold your fire!"

"Crack," went the rifle, and something hot zizzed by Mrs. Hong's ear.

"Cut it out, you jerks!" shouted the big voice. "Put your guns down!" His words were repeated to the soldiers in Korean. Mrs. Hong heard the Kwang Ju accent, and then she knew—these were South Koreans and an American!

The bright light was taken off them, but for a moment they saw only purple dots dancing in front of their eyes. Then a man came up to them, and they had never seen anyone like him. He was bigger than any Korean man they had ever seen, and his skin was as dark as the night. His big grin seemed to float in the dark by itself, and his hair was short and fuzzy, like a sheep's.

Hak Ja Han laughed with delight at the sight of him. The man laughed back in his booming voice, "Hah, hah, hah. Ain't she cute! C'mere, little girl."

He took something out of his pocket. Paper crackled, and he put something in her hand. It was flat and hard and felt like wax. There were letters carved in it that didn't look like Chinese or Japanese. They looked like H-E-R-S-H-E-Y. She smelled it. It smelled great! She broke off a piece and put it in her mouth. It tasted wonderful. She gave the rest to her mother.

The man laughed again with joy. "Sorry we scared you ladies. We thought y'all was somebody else. Y'all better be careful in these here woods tonight."

The Kwang Ju man translated his words for them. "I got a little girl like you at home," he continued, still smiling his big, big grin. "I sure do!"

The soldiers dug in their pockets and put some money together to see the two ladies and child off. The dark man drew them a map showing the way to a friendly train station that could take them from the next town to Chun Chon.

The sun was rising hot and pink over the mountain top as they went down the dusty road. They no longer had to sleep by day. "We'll find the Messiah," thought Mrs. Hong to herself hopefully. "Someday, when we get to the city." ♦



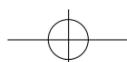
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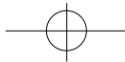
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DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

Nature of God and Man, the Purpose of Life

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In order to survive physically, each of us needs physical nourishment. In a similar manner, Divine Principle teaches that our spiritual selves need spiritual nourishment. Such nourishment consists of two components - the "Life Elements" that come from God, which include love and truth, and the "Vitality Elements" which have their origin in the physical body.

These Vitality Elements flow from the body to the spirit as the individual lives in accordance with God's Word and acts according to the principles of service and love. As the spirit receives Vitality Elements from the body and Life Elements from God, it becomes vibrant and beautiful. Reciprocally, our spirit selves project spirit elements to our physical bodies. A spirit filled with a divine ideal, hope and love imparts health and power to the physical self. For this reason, people filled with spiritual life often need less sleep and food, and generally have more enthusiasm about life.

The character of one's spirit self is thus dependent on the quality of his physical actions. If a person for example has wronged another, or stolen property or exploited someone weaker, he will inevitably be called to rectify such matters during the course of his spiritual growth. If one fails to right his wrongs while he is on earth, he will enter the spirit world in a damaged state. Jesus' encouragement to us to straighten out our difficulties with our fellow man before we offer our gifts at the altar (Mt 5:21) is thus not to be ignored.

Heaven and Hell

But, if one neglects to do this, he will be sent to "hell"? The Principle stresses that after physical death we continue life in the spirit world at whatever level we have attained during our lifetime. No one is "sent" to heaven or hell; rather one enters the spirit world at the level of spiritual growth he has attained on earth. We are the ones who determine our destiny.

The difference between heaven and hell has been suggested by one Emmanuel Swedenborg, a remarkable 17th century Swedish scholar and scientist who in his later years had an extended series of experiences in and with the spirit world. For this spiritual giant the distinction is clear cut:

The attitude that causes a drift toward heaven is in the feeling that there is a higher power...(and in the striving) to relate to it. This same spirit of humility and respect for the greatness of creation goes with an effort to be with others and to be of some use. By this a person faces toward heaven... The opposite attitude is to put down creation and elevate the self. The one bound for hell serves himself first, last and foremost. By this he is cut off from the opening-out possibilities of heaven and becomes enclosed in concerns for himself over and above others.

Love and Beauty

Since our spirit selves grow in conjunction with our physical bodies, our experience of love, beauty and joy on earth conditions our ability to experience them in the spirit world. Life in the spirit world is initially determined by whatever degree of love we have experienced

on earth. Since, as we have seen, love is to be experienced most profoundly in the family, Divine Principle affirms it is through our families that we are meant to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, both on earth and in the spirit world.

Professor Charles Whitehead, twentieth century philosopher and theologian, is reported to have once complained that too many Christians think of God in terms of an absolute, autocratic, Roman emperor. Perhaps so. In any event, a special aspect of the Divine Principle revelation is its understanding of the heart of God. For Divine Principle, God's heart is tender, sensitive - and grieving over a lost relationship of love.

Divine Principle underscores the fact that the almighty God is not only the source of energy, the origin and preserver of life, but also the Father of Heart. Man was to be one with his Creator, forming intimate relationships of father and child, friend and friend, lover and beloved, bridegroom and bride. However, as man's relations with his fellow man have been ridden with conflict, so have his relations with his Creator been badly crippled. Although He is a God of love, the Almighty God cannot express His heart of love as He wishes; He is limited by the capacity of human beings to receive and respond to it.

Judge or Lover

While for much of the Old Testament God is portrayed as a strict judge or powerful monarch, there are nevertheless flashes of a God of tender heart and supreme sensitivity. The story of the prophet Hosea, a man whose wife was faithless is a case in point. Hosea's knowledge of his wife's infidelity, coupled with his continuing love for her, was a heart-breaking experience for the prophet.

What then must be the experience of God, Hosea asked, whose love for us is so much deeper and more sensitive? In the most profound and revealing of man's relationships, Hosea found a metaphor for the relationship between a faithful God and a faithless nation. For the prophet, his own experience became a living parable of the suffering heart of God.

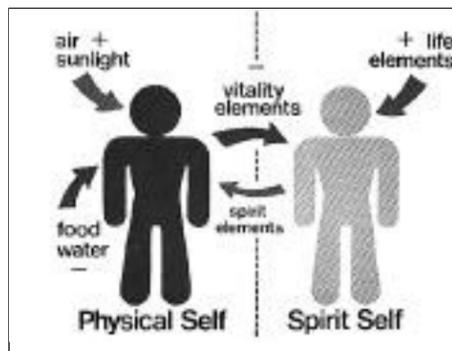
The truth then is that God has been hurt more than man. God feels crushed by the historic betrayal of His loved ones - as any lover would be. The injured heart of God, the suffering of the Heavenly Father, is beyond measurement and human comprehension.

It has been said that it is not so much we who seek God as it is God who seeks us. While humankind has walked a tortured and searching path through history, Divine Principle suggests that the same is true of God. The Lord's call to Adam, "Where are you?" (Gen 3:9) expresses an inquiry directed to all humanity. Ever since man's fall, God has been seeking His lost family with a grieving heart. Reflecting the difficulties of this search, Isaiah writes:

Hear, o heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the Lord has spoken: "Sons have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me. The ox knows its owners, and the ass its master's crib; but Israel does not know. My people do not understand." (Is 1:2) And Hosea describes a similar sit-

uation: the more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baal, and burning incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk. I too, them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them. (Hos 11:2)

On the other hand, alienated from



God, humanity has also walked a torturous path. Separated from the love of God, humankind has hungered and thirsted in spirit. The Psalmist writes:

As a heart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God. My soul thirsts for God, the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God. My tears have been my food day and night. (Ps 42:1)

I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God. (Ps 69:3)

Spiritual Death

For Divine Principle, man's separation from the love and wisdom of God has prevented the human family from functioning at its optimum level. At its worst humanity's alienation from its Creator has brought spiritual death to man and has caused the sorrow and tragedy within man and the world.

Since the time of man's fall, many religions have developed in human society; to seek God through Jesus, or for that matter, through any historical religious path, is man's attempt to restore the original relationship of love with God. If man had not fallen, he would now be living in the bosom of God's love, walking with Him, creating with Him.

For Divine Principle, then, the central goal of the person who would be a mature son or daughter of God is the alleviating of the divine sorrow and the comforting of God's heart. This can be done as we realize God's hope for us, step by step fulfilling the three Blessings and doing our part toward realizing the Kingdom of God on earth. God has been longing for His children and they, like orphans, long for Him. Only when the meeting between this eager Father and these suffering children is sealed can restoration begin. The Lord is looking with great longing to the time of reunion, the day He and man can at last become one, as was the original intention. Then the great suffering of God, man and the universe will come to an end. ♦

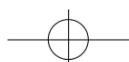
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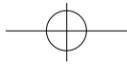
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Cynthia Toffey's Empowered Women

by Susan Fegley Osmond

New Jersey artist Cynthia Genn Toffey has, over the past few years, produced a series of paintings on inspiring women in history.

The project grew out of her effort to find positive reading material for her two daughters, now ages seven and eleven. "It made me really think about the women I wanted to look up to and be like," she recalls. Born in Berkeley, California in 1953, Toffey had two remarkable role models in her grandmother and mother, both artists.

"I'm interested in inspiring myself, my children and my friends into making a positive difference in the world," she explains. "When we see people who accomplished so much with so much less than we have, we can see how precious one life is."

Subjects she has chosen for her colorful, semi-abstract meditations include the biblical figures Judith and Esther, Harriet Tubman (Toffey's longtime favorite) and seventeenth-century artist Artemesia Gentileschi.

Toffey's recent paintings consist of three layers of images, all rendered in translucent color washes. These symbolize three realms she is attracted to and wishes to synthesize: the nurturing world of ideas, emotions and the spirit. On the bottom layer she often depicts the hinged back-doors of large trucks or dumpsters—a subject she focused on in earlier paintings. Throughways to

other worlds or possibilities, the doors—with their interestingly textured surfaces—signify the earth to Toffey.

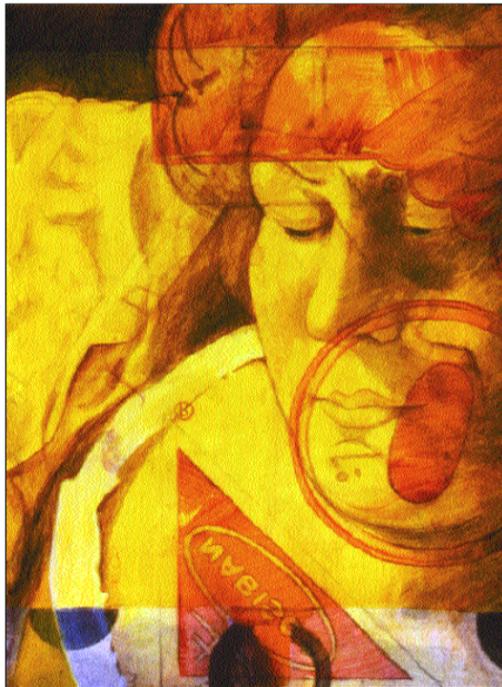
For the second layer, Toffey usually appropriates an image of her human subject from a photograph or a work of art she admires. Her desire is to project the essence of the person's character. This focus on the inner fire of her heroines is conveyed cogently through color: washes of brilliant yellow or dappled orange permeate *Harriet Tubman* (1994), *Judith* (1993) and many other paintings. The result is a lucency reminiscent of stained glass windows in sunlight. (This approach to color may have been influenced by her ten years as a glassblower in New York before she

the full, it's only made my work much deeper."

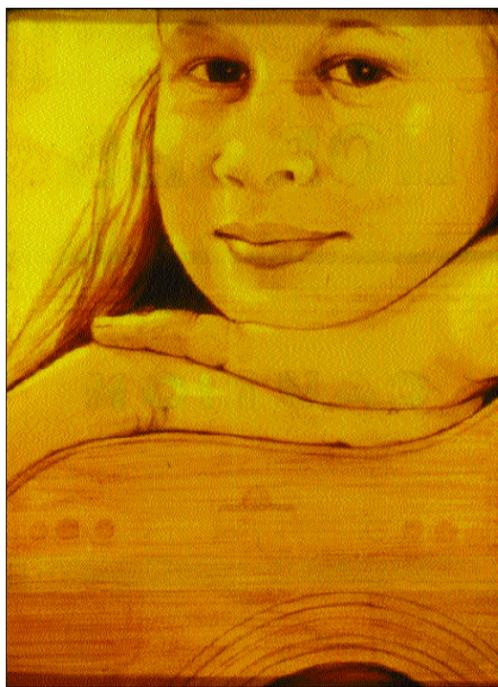
Last autumn Toffey organized a show at the University of Bridgeport, Connecticut, of works by artists in the Akinlan Art Alliance, of which she is a founding member. This is a group of twelve artists



Harriet Tubman



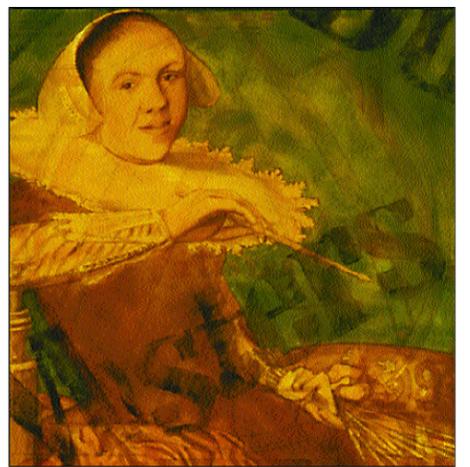
Judith II



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returned full-time to painting.)

On the third layer, Toffey paints abstracted images of crumpled candy wrappers, a subject she has loved—for the sensuous interaction of texture, color and line amid folds—since she was an art student. Now painted as thinly as clouds, the mysteriously all-enfolding wrappers suggest the realm of spirituality.

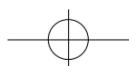
Toffey finds role models in women who had a variety of life experiences. She has discovered, in fact, that the experience of being a wife and mother has made her a better artist. "If the purpose of life is joy," she says, "then you've got to have joy on all levels, and it only feeds your work. When I was in college I thought that if I did nothing but paint in the studio all day, I would be a great artist. But now I realize that because I've lived my life to

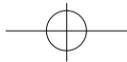
from six countries who feel akin in their view of the purpose of art (though their styles vary significantly) and want to help form a place for such a view to "land" or take root. Turning from the universal confusion and moral collapse of today's society and how it has been reinforced by many artists, the group espouses a different aim: "An artist is a person who has developed a special ability to see the Divine beauty, value and love of the universe and manifest this for others to appreciate," says the group's statement of purpose.

In April, Toffey's work will appear in two group shows in Japan. She is also organizing another show (which may travel) at the University of Bridgeport, of works by the three generations of women artists in her own family.

Reflecting on her series on empow-

ered women, Toffey remarks: "I went to college 20 years ago at a time when the value of women was very important to me. But I believe the time is past for complaining. It's good to identify problems, but we have to build on our strengths now—as women, and as people who can help create a number of international alliances. We have to build on our strengths and celebrate our differences, and at the same time understand one another better." ❖





Pure Love Alliance National Summer Tour

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decline as a global responsibility and even shared his worries about the future of his own children. He chided us on declaring the mission of the Pure Love Alliance and the Pure Love Tour to "ruffle the feathers" of America and ignite a "new sexual revolution." With the fire of loyalty to True Parents and the desperate concern of a father for the safety of his children, he poured out his heart to us.

The entire tour was organized in a matter of weeks. Many young CARP members were promoted to heightened leadership positions and quickly expanded their scope of responsibility. This was part of an intentional plan Jin Hun Nim foresaw to pass ownership to members and refine their leadership skills for the coming "revolution".

We all converged July 28 on Los Angeles, as Howard Self once described, still "building the plane as we flew." Over 200 second generation members gathered in L.A., most making last-minute decisions to join the tour, meeting with about seventy CARP members. We had only a few days to prepare for our first public rally on July 4 which would include dancing STDs, a live hard-rock band, a squad of unified hip-hop dancers, a twelve-sister choir, a Won Hwa Do exhibition, a drama team, trained Absolute Sex speakers and the ceaseless behind-the-scenes details which go with effective stage management.

Suddenly, God opened a surprise window of opportunity to all of us. Days before our first scheduled public rally, we found out that the mayor of Los Angeles was being inaugurated for his second term. It came to our attention just the day before the event. We dropped everything and the entire tour membership began cranking out placards demanding that the mayor immediately halt the production of child pornography for which L.A. County leads the world. The 300 PLA members shocked the mayor, his associates, the L.A. Police Department, the media and ourselves. We were immediately broadcast on several L.A. television stations the same day we successfully overcame barriers and obtained a photo with the mayor. This incident foreshadowed, in many ways, the path of the entire tour. In many cases, the unbridled vigor of the PLA members removed many obstacles and won continuous positive media coverage. Our ability to gear into quick mobilization based on Jin Hun Nim's inspiration progressively increased. In some cases we did impromptu unplanned rallies which attracted the press without any prior media notice. To say the least, this kept everyone on their toes. Excited by our success and optimistic at the potential of our united effort, we left L.A. with zeal and anticipation to take on San Francisco—a guaranteed challenge.

As expected, the San Francisco media was mischievously preparing for our arrival. We



Washington, DC

were confronted with our first hard lessons of the snares and traps of the negative media. Some television stations tried to pin us as a front group



Chicago

for the Unification Church with a hidden agenda. This was one of the incidents which prompted Jin Hun Nim to



Niagara Falls

call for an organized educational program during the tour to give PLA members solid skills in conveying the ideals of the Pure Love Alliance, even in



Boston

the face of a potentially negative media. Outside of San Francisco, negative coverage was almost nonexistent. However, Jin Hun Nim's concern for prepar-



Detroit

ing PLA members to be able to return to their homes and centers with the refined skills to establish and build strong PLA chapters in their high schools and universities had us all strive for three prescribed areas of excellence: 1) excellent Absolute Sex speakers, 2) excellent ralliers, and 3) excellent fund-raisers.

We continued up the West Coast, studying and fraternizing on the long bus rides. Through Sacramento, Portland and Seattle we tightened up our marching skills, added to our stage performances, expanded our repertoire of seasoned Absolute Sex speakers and all the time enjoyed the consistent turnout of the media in every city to celebrate pure love with us.

Father always taught us: the more we go through difficulties, the more we can understand God's heart. We met God in Yellowstone National Park. Yes, we were awestruck by the great waterfalls and caverns as well as the wild animals. But it was not until that night when the temperature dropped to 30 degrees that many of the summer-clad campers became very intimate with Heavenly Father. Despite our varied experiences, we can all agree that we will not forget our mountain top stay in the wilderness.

After Yellowstone, we moved on to Salt Lake City, which concluded the first portion of the tour before a Boulder, Colorado workshop with Rev. Sudo. Salt Lake City was exceptionally positive in its coverage and did extended interviews with Akiko Ikeno and Bo Jones, who would continue to be key PLA spokes-

people. The Boulder workshop was much needed to gain some internal spiritual food and allow members time to reflect on the issue of purity on a personal level. We also held our first Absolute Sex lecture competition. The finalists to represent each of thirty teams were chosen at random, which required everyone to train hard, not knowing if they would be chosen to represent their whole team. This demanded team unity and support, and drove members to give their very best. The final night in Boulder, Jin Hun Nim called for a marathon entertainment celebration which brought out five hours of skits, dances, poetry,

bands and jokes, fueled by pure youthful enthusiasm. Jin Hun Nim encouraged us at the close of the evening, and we were fully charged to launch into the rest of the tour.

We made some surprise stops at Madison and Mil-



Seattle

waukee before continuing to Chicago for a three-day engagement. Our Chicago schedule was the most demanding



Milwaukee

thus far of the tour. The first day we kept a non-stop schedule from early morning fund-raising to a midday downtown rally and march, followed by another



Madison

er rally at Playboy headquarters, complete with a media-covered "bunny" burning and stomping session to an evening pure love forum at the Uni-



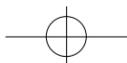
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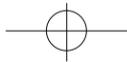
versity of Illinois at Chicago. The following day, half the PLA joined in household pre-blessings with Chicago members, while the other half traveled

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New York City





Reflection on a 21-day condition with PLA

by Victoria Wilding—Blaine, WA

My internal goal for this condition was to inherit True Parents tradition by trying my best to practice the poem "Total Investment" by True Father. My external goal was \$140 a day (first week), \$185 a day (second week), and \$210 a day (third week). Through my internal goal I wanted to grow closer to God by understanding His heart, feel True Parents as my own parents, and liberate God's Heart. Actually, I didn't go over my internal goal for the condition at all after I wrote it. Instead I focused more on weekly and daily goals. That's why I feel I was able to only partially achieve my internal goal.

Fortunately, I didn't neglect my conditions like I did my internal goal for the condition. Although several times I couldn't finish my conditions because of fundraising late into the night, I do feel I accomplished something. One condition I had throughout the 21-day was seven pages of Divine Principle reading. When I was able to finish the seven pages, and even when I wasn't able to, reading Divine Principle really made me more vertical and serious about doing God's Will. Many times I did have to deny myself (my sleepy, fallen self, that is), in order to read, but it was always worth it to be able to understand God's Heart a little more, even if it was in a logical (as opposed to heartistic) way. However, a couple of times I was able to receive small revelations connecting DP to fundraising. For example, when I was reading about Isaac (at about my age) willingly offering himself as a sacrifice, I felt like I should march forward in my life of faith even though I know it may cost me my life. Another time, I could relate Abraham's dividing the sacrifices to our

fundraising experience. I felt in fundraising, since we get the opportunity to dissect our characters and purge all the fallen nature, it was like separating the good from evil and letting the good prevail (as Abraham symbolically did).

Next, my view of PLA has shifted since the tour. During the tour I had a more glamorous image of PLA than I do now. I've realized how much work

Absolute Sex can do it. Purity is this important. By purity I mean purity before marriage, a purity of love for one spouse within marriage. It is like the cement of a true family. And true families are everything. Because in strong, true families, there is true love. And once we have true love, sacrificial love, we have a foundation to solve all problems. Personally, I still have a long way to go before my love is absolutely pure.

My love is often self-centered and my actions are often not sacrificial. I have many regrets, but I feel I still have ample opportunity to cleanse myself. I just have to discipline myself (and also go to Chung-pyung).

During this condition there were several times I was able to experience God's pain, but also God's love, through the people I met. For example, I would feel God's pain when I met a man with at least three wives, and I could feel God's love when someone would willingly offer their money (even

a run, feeling God's pain or repentance. I think I can improve my prayers by trying to be more sincere instead of formal, and by saying things from my heart. I can put my prayers into action but many times I've broken or forgotten my promises to God because of my own lack of effort or self-centeredness.

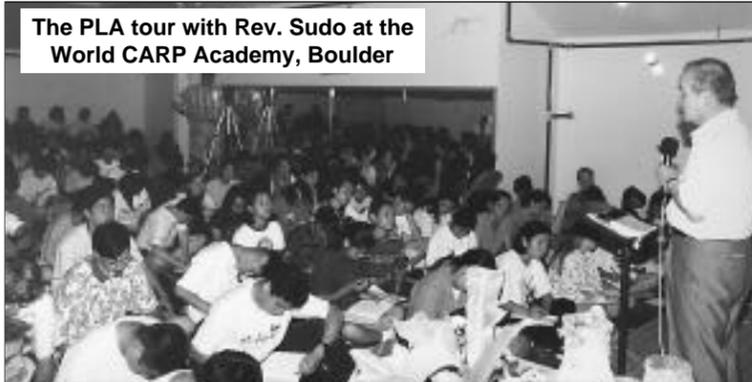
The goals for this condition were to inherit True Parents' tradition, inherit Jin Hun Nim's tradition and having mind and body unity. I feel I was able to inherit True Parents and Jin Hun Nim's tradition even a little because I lived a more public life, and sacrificed my personal desires for the sake of the American people, Jin Hun Nim, True Parents and God, by working on the front line. Also, I feel these three weeks have really helped me to get out of my shell and be my real self. This way, I can really see clearly what I'm lacking and must improve. I think my faith has become more sincere and less external. Also, I could see how spirit world worked whenever I denied myself (such as going into a fancy restaurant or being grateful for indemnity and as a result, receiving blessing later on). I desired to invest totally in these three weeks, but I regret not being able to

invest 1000% because my own laziness and self-centeredness. Also, many times I didn't think of God. I feel I should constantly talk to God and invite Him into my life.

Last, I like our team a lot and feel we get along very well. Maybe, though, we could be more serious sometimes instead of being relaxed and playful (ex-mornings we should think more of God, money counting or offering time). Also, we could make more

effort to be alert and punctual.

In conclusion, I feel I've changed a great deal since the first day and I was glad to end the condition with an offering heart. ❖



The PLA tour with Rev. Sudo at the World CARP Academy, Boulder

we have yet to do. At the same time, I have a deeper appreciation for the PLA's mission and understand more profoundly how desperately America and the world need to follow the PLA's path. Once, during a house run, I met these people who were all addicted to drugs and seemed to have Chapter Two problems. One of them asked me if he'd go to hell if he committed suicide. I felt so much pity for him and tried to encourage him not to do such a horrible thing as taking away God's gift of life. I felt I was able to experience a touch of God's pain when He looks at this world in such a fallen state. I felt, if only everybody practiced Absolute Sex, we would have strong families which supported each other; we would have true love, we would have so much happiness. This is how crucial PLA is; we literally are out to save this world. Nothing but



Los Angeles

though it was scarce). Many times, I could cry in prayer and thus grow a little bit closer to God, and thus grow a little bit closer to God, but usually after I experienced something during

we shared personal testimonies, held a blessing workshop and prepared for the final stage of the tour with precision militarized marching and chanting training for the challenge of the upcoming big three: Boston, New York and Washington DC.

Boston was also the site of an event

which demands mention. We held our second Absolute Sex speech competition there. This contest was almost beyond description. Brothers and sisters who were timid and awkward in Boulder now exploded into Heavenly impassioned fire breathers. They had all matured greatly in both their logical and heartistic expressions not only of the pain and misery of broken families and false love but also of their longing and determination to strive for pure love for themselves and the world. Not only did the speakers pour out their hearts in front of 300 observers, but those listening responded with deafening applause and encouragement until the auditorium was like a whirlwind of vitality element lifting everyone to the clouds. Sun Hee Mudgett won first place. Jin Hun Nim's vision of tapping into the true potential of the second generation was becoming a reality.

Albany, Boston and Bridgeport preceded New York City, where we had a chance to really test our skills by giving a series of public Absolute Sex speeches on 42nd Street in Manhattan, directly in front of the SIECUS headquarters, the notorious pro-

motors of comprehensive sex education. Jin Hun Nim then called for a strong indemnity condition to support Father in his declaration of "The Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth." We marched through Manhattan for four hours, convening in Central Park and praying in unison at the moment of Father's declaration in Korea.

The tour continued in full throttle to Philadelphia, Atlanta, Richmond and Baltimore, culminating in Washington, DC. Our march participants swelled to about 500 here in DC as PLA members hit the height of their enthusiasm upon receiving Mayor Barry's greeting and reading of the Pure Love Pledge with them.

The extended accommodations and rally preparations provided by the DC Unification Church community were exceptional and much appreciated by the PLA. In Jin Hun Nim's closing words of the tour in DC he specifically called for appreciation of the parents of the second generation, whose continued attendance to True Parents allowed their children to be part of this victorious national offering. ❖

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to Bloomington, Indiana to protest the infamous Kinsey Institute and declare the end of the sexual revolution.

We continued to Detroit, Toronto and then to UTS for a two-day break where

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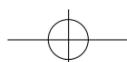
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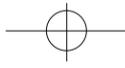
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The Necessity for Moral and Ethical Education

by Tony Devine—NYC

In a recent *New York Times* article the writer, a freshman at Yale College, laments how he and four other students cannot, in good conscience live in a place where women are permitted to stay overnight in men's rooms, and where visiting men can traipse through the common halls on the women's floors—in various stages of undress—in the middle of the night. He is speaking of Yale's promiscuous anything goes dormitory situation, which runs counter to his religious and moral upbringing (*New York Times*, 9/9/97).

The moral climate at Yale is not conducive to serious learning and an increasing number of educators are recognizing that American education at every level, from elementary through college, is in a state of crisis.

What is Education?

In our highly developed and scientific world, education has come to be referred to as the development of the mind or intellect. Thus, we usually think in terms of the academic and technical education of our formal school systems. However, such a view ignores the broader and deeper aspects of education which pertain to the development of a person's character. As young people gain greater knowledge and technical ability, it becomes necessary to check if they are also becoming people of virtue. Without this emphasis students will learn to follow what Boston University President John Silber has called the blind forces of appetite and circumstance.

Thomas Jefferson believed that education should aim at the improvement of both one's morals and faculties and this has been the dominant view of American education for over two centuries. But a fundamental change occurred in the early seventies when values clarification programs began taking root in the public schools. According to this philosophy, the schools were not to take part in their traditional task of transmitting sound moral values, but were to allow the child to clarify his own values, which teachers and parents had no right to criticize. This form of moral relativism promoted the idea that no set of values was right or wrong—that all values were subjective, relative and per-

sonal. According to former secretary of education William Bennett, this movement did not clarify values, it clarified wants and desires, and this destructive view took hold with a vengeance (*The De-Valuing of America: The Fight for Our Children and Our Culture*, 1994).

Parental Position Attacked

Along with this, and perhaps a more dangerous problem, is the subtle avocation of total disregard for parental authority in most of the psychological conditioning courses that have taken a foothold in schools. These programs are as pervasive as they are little known, with appealing names such as Values Clarification, Affective Education, "Decision Making", and Quest. In her book, *Changing Bodies, Changing Lives* (1987), Ruth Bell and her co-authors write that parents are just ordinary people with faults and weaknesses and insecurities and problems just like everyone else, completely missing the deeper and more relevant point that the parent-child relationship is the most significant relationship anyone is ever likely to have.

When parents were asked about their basic responsibilities, they were virtually unanimous in their response: putting a roof over the children's heads and teaching them right from wrong (Barbara Whitehead Defoe, *Institute of American Values*). Such a basic concept as what is right and what is wrong is the question that has become a national obsession. When the issue of universal values arises, the question invariably arises, Whose values? in today's value free atmosphere can there be a case for core principles? Derek Bok, the former president of Harvard, argues that there are fundamental working principles of ethical behavior which are important, and we're not indoctrinating our students by making a conscious effort to make them understand, appreciate, and live by those principles" (*Higher Learning*, 1986).

The development of character is very much associated with overcoming selfishness. In part, this is a process which takes place naturally and gradually in the early stages of human life. Babies are inherently self-centered. Their world revolves around their bodily needs. As they grow physically, so does their consciousness of the world around them.

As children they develop relationships with others and in the process, they learn that certain responsibilities and codes of behavior are expected in those relationships. To a certain degree they will learn the virtues of respect, trust and sharing within a conducive family environment.

Centrality of the Family

What happens in the home is by far the most consequential factor in determining the development of a morally healthy person. Martin Luther King, Jr., termed the family as the main educational agency of mankind. (Charles E. Finn, *We Must Take Charge: Our Schools and Our Future*, 1991). Nothing is as powerful as the parents' communication of core values and attitudes to their children coupled with their own good example.

In their book *Bringing Up the Moral Child* (1985), Schulman and Mehler state that the main aim of early moral education is to teach children to be kind and just. They argue that this generally takes place in three steps. 1) the internalization by the child of the parents' moral values. 2) the development of empathy or sympathetic concern for the feelings of others. 3) the development of personal moral standards of right and wrong.

These stages of moral development are not inevitable but must be cultivated and nurtured in the same way that we help children to become good readers, athletes or musicians. The place where this begins is in the home with the example of parents. When serious teachers were asked the single most important improvement that could be made in education, they invariably said greater involvement and cooperation on the part of the parents.

Often parents either adopt the traditional model of being authoritarian or the permissive approach of recent decades in which no firm rules apply. Thomas Lickona maintains that adolescents who are most likely to follow their conscience in the face of peer pressure are those who grew up in authoritative (as distinguished from authoritarian)

homes (*Educating for Character: How our Schools Can Teach Respect and Responsibility*, 1991). In an authoritative home rules are firm but clearly explained and justified. In authoritari-

an homes, rules are laid down without explanation. In permissive homes, there are few firm rules. There is now widespread agreement among experts that normal moral development requires firm parental authority in the early years, along with a stable environment and a clear and consistent direction.

Formal, Moral and Ethical Education

Beyond the family the school plays a vital role in the further development of a child's character. Through the formal education of morals and ethics, the child can come to a clear understanding of the difference between right and wrong, between proper and improper behavior. This type of education can aid in the development of a child's conscience through which virtues such as honesty, respect, loyalty, tolerance and responsibility become an ingrained part of one's character.

Ultimately, ethics and morals must become more than simply a set of rules to obey. They are meant to be a natural expression of an unselfish heart, which is the deepest and determining aspect of human character. A person who has sincere love and concern for the well-being of others will automatically live morally and ethically. Moral and ethical standards cannot be imposed from the outside, but must be stimulated within a person.

The moral crisis in American education reflects the broader crisis in society and points to the family as the primary source of the problem. Hope lies in the realization that the family is also the critical agent in solving our problems. The centrality of a morally rooted family in the teaching of values is irreplaceable to the development of children, especially in their early years. The school should simply be in continuity with the family.

Only on the basis of a developed and ethical conscience can people be responsible to utilize their intellectual and technical training purposefully for the benefit of all. Establishing a society based upon human virtues is not an ideal dream. Indeed, it has become a necessity.

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Setting the Record Straight with the Media

by Edgar M. Sierra Jimenez
—New Orleans, LA

I wrote this letter to the editor of the *New Orleans Times-Picayune* in response to a article they published on the Pure Love Alliance. It was published. My friends Thomas L. Smith, a lawyer, and Mr. Carlos Castillo, a restaurateur, contributed to the body and argument of the letter. Although they are not members, they are both well informed about Father and the teachings of the Divine Principle.

In general, the response to the letter was positive. I hope we can combat the bad publicity with the truth.

Your take on Pure Love Alliance morally faulty

James Gill's Aug. 31 column on the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Pure Love

Alliance not only ridiculed family values but also reflected the liberal view that under the First Amendment individuals are free to degenerate and destroy society.

I totally disagree with Gill's premise that freedom of speech gives people the right to slander religion, just as freedom of speech doesn't give people the right to denigrate black people, incite violence against Jews or to advocate the violent overthrow of our government.

Whether Mr. Gill knows it or not, there are restrictions to freedom of speech.

If freedom of speech does not extend to advocating the violent overthrow of our government, it should not extend to overthrowing the family via pornography. Women should not be treated as objects; their sexual exploitation has nothing to do with pursuing the

truth and everything to do with the destruction of family values.

Why should people be free to destroy the very foundations of society, which is the family?

Why are individuals like Mr. Gill so interested in ridiculing long-proven beliefs such as chastity before marriage, fidelity within marriage, and marriages between men and women?

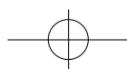
No one can deny that these are solid foundations to a stable society. Could it be that Mr. Gill has been so corrupted by the advocates of political correctness to the point that virginity, chastity and fidelity are values that he ridicules when he says, "These virgins, being moralizers, are so humorless that they cannot see how funny they are. Any group that can urge others to 'honk for purity' lacks a sense of the absurd."

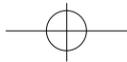
This attitude of tolerance toward promiscuity and pornography is the

reason behind the rapid decline of family values in this land. Instead of promoting family values, Mr. Gill should denounce rap artists for promoting sodomy in their lyrics, and homosexuals for promoting a political agenda based on homosexuality.

Instead of ridiculing the Pure Love Alliance, Mr. Gill should praise and commend these "crusaders for chastity," as he calls them, because they are trying to reverse the obvious trend of self-destruction in our country. Until our moral compass does an about-face and changes drastically, we will continue on our path toward destruction.

How long can our country survive when the very foundations which built this great land of ours are whittled away by perverted advocates of decadence who justify their immorality with the First Amendment? ♦





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PART TWO

This is the second half of a short story about some portentous events in a small Mississippi town. All of the characters and places described herein are fictional.

On Friday, Bill Sampson sensed it was time to switch gears once again. He'd encountered a large elderly population. This town was a backwater of the New South; its people were gracious, and pious, but few of them had an advanced education.

Besides, the package had just arrived from England.

Bill and his business partner Fred knew that people worried about their health. They understood that men loved sports, and their wives hated paying high bills. They also knew that almost no one understood genuine scientific principles, least of all in this humble, hard-working place.

Their colleague Dr. Edgerton ran an establishment in Oxford, England, and together they'd come up with something new. It was a line of products based on "Ludific Energy."

Bill and Fred opened the package, and eagerly made their plans. They switched places, and began to cover the territory once again. Both avoided places where they'd made heavy sales during their first go-round.

Their sales pitch was finely honed, and used many impressive, polysyllabic terms. This invisible energy was said to "vibrate beyond relativistic levels, oscillating with accelerations in excess of the precipitance of luminousness." Thus the "harmonic vibrations" could "stimulate any molecules brought into direct proximity, raising them to an elevated quantum plane."

The folks of Dixie associated anything from Oxford with its famous university, and Bill and Fred did nothing to discourage this impression.

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They sold small "water conditioners" for fifty dollars, and sure enough, several elderly customers reported that their arthritis cleared up immediately. Bill then introduced golf gloves studded with "Ludific nodules," and that following Sunday, the owner of the local car dealership scored his best game ever.

Fred sold housewives hundred dollar "activated" food containers, and many husbands complimented them on the improved quality of their cooking. One lady caught Fred on the street and tearfully confessed that he'd saved their marriage.

Things really started to roll!

Local gardeners bought larger, thousand dollar systems to treat their irrigation water, and swore their vegetables were growing faster. The mother of one summer school pupil sewed "nodules" into his baseball cap, and the boy proceeded to win the spelling bee.

Jim Faircloth knew what was up, but he didn't want to confront his friends and neighbors unless he had clear evidence. He examined his neighbor's new "water conditioner" carefully. Despite its revolutionary claims, it was not patented.

"Honey," Jim told his wife, "if Bill Sampson patented this thing, he'd have to show plans and a model to the Patent Office. Maybe he doesn't want to." But when he attempted to point this out to his neighbor, Jim received only a hostile glare.

Dale and a few other mechanics resisted the temptation to buy, as did a disappointed Ellie May. Her RV had used more gas than ever, and they'd had to borrow money from a cousin just to get home from the lake.

One "nodule" was sacrificed on Jim's basement work bench. Every test he could perform revealed nothing but an inert lump of metal. It wasn't even magnetic. Nonetheless, Bill and Fred were selling hundreds of assorted devices.

Ambitions

The two salesmen had always been loners; both were unmarried, always

on the road. Now they started getting bigger ideas.

"If Amway can do it—" Bill told Fred, in the privacy of their motel room. The very next day they rented an empty storefront downtown, and hung up a banner reading: "Global Marketing Institute of Mississippi."

Folks could buy in to the new organization at "levels" costing anywhere from three hundred to two thousand dollars. The golf-playing car dealer bought in at ten thousand, and was appointed Senior Vice President. Bill immediately rented himself a house in the nicest part of town.

Seriously worried, Jim Faircloth started asking around, and realized that not a single person in town had a degree in Physics. However, his brother-in-law had a friend who was a professor at the University of Alabama, several hour's drive away. Long telephone consultations followed.

Word got around, and Bill learned of Jim's concerns.

With guidance from Dr. Edgerton, the salesmen prepared their troops. "Ludific energy will cure many diseases," Bill told this recruits. "But those medical doctors, they need your hard-earned money to make their pool payments! Do you have any idea how many cancer cures the AMA has suppressed?"

Angry shouts greeted Bill's assertion. "My pa died of cancer," one lady cried. "The doctors did nothing—and left us broke anyhow!"

"That's not all," Fred followed up. "Do you know what they said about Galileo? The authorities always try to crush new ideas like ours. And do you folks know the real story of the Wright brothers?"

The following Saturday, Jim Faircloth dared to stand up during a monthly Businessmen's Breakfast meeting, and address the issue directly.

Several of his fellows gave him an unexpected, and apparently well informed reply. Jim had never heard of Lord Rutherford, at least, not by name. He soon got an earful.

It seemed that Rutherford, one of the nineteenth century's most prominent scientists, had pronounced: "Man will never fly." Later, when informed that the Wright brothers had done so, he'd retorted: "Then they'll never manage to carry a passenger." Jim soon found himself wishing that Lord Rutherford had never existed.

Vibrations

Meanwhile, the town's mainstream, Protestant minister was getting involved. He was a young man, just out of seminary, and his self-appointed goal was to help the townsfolk become more enlightened.

Pastor Bascomb had found little open racism; he'd almost felt disappointed about that. So he sought a new challenge, hoping to "raise the spiritual level" of the local people, and so "bring the

whole community to a higher plane." Spiritual vibrations had been all the rage at his seminary, located as it was in the progressive Boston area.

It was proving difficult. And then, as if in answer to his prayers, along came Bill Sampson and his wondrous, vibration-raising high technology.

Pastor Bascomb was an intelligent man, and when Jim Faircloth had fixed his microwave oven, two months earlier, he's talked the repairman into giving a short lecture on how the oven really worked. That afternoon, Bascomb had told his secretary about it. "Why, the invisible energy excites the water molecules directly!" he'd enthused.

Now it seemed to him that Mr. Sampson's devices must work on similar principles. Besides, Bill and Fred had started attending church each Sunday—and tithing generously.

That Sunday, Pastor Bascomb asked Bill and Fred to stand, and publicly thanked them for their contributions to the community. Sales and recruitment had spread nationwide, and their town was soon to boast of more wealth than it had since the Civil War. Seated in a back pew, it was all Jim could do to keep from jumping up and shouting, right then and there.

After the service, Jim requested a meeting with Bascomb. And could a friend of his, a professor from Alabama, sit in too? The Pastor said he could.

While they were waiting to see the Pastor, Jim and the professor talked about Lord Rutherford.

"You see," the professor explained, "the man understood the principles involved. He knew that air resistance would increase with an aircraft's speed. They didn't have good engines back then, so more output meant more weight. His objections were entirely valid. It was just a question of better engineering."

Jim shook his head and sighed. "I doubt there are four people in this entire burg who could tell you how a VCR works. Much less explain the principles behind it. That's plenty good for my business, but no wonder Sampson can snooker folks so easily. I'd love to put the truth about this whole business on the front page of the paper, like, explaining what a 'placebo' is."

"Then you'll have to find those four people, and get together with them," the professor said quietly. "Maybe you could put something in the local paper. Tell them how wondrous science really is. The genuine discoveries are so fascinating! You know I belong to the American Scientific Affiliation, and we do see the Lord's hand in the cosmos as. I hope your Pastor can see his way clear, too. He'd be able to get the truth out."

Conclusion

With this, we come to the close of our story. But, who knows—there might be a sequel.

Dear Reader, if this town sounds at all familiar to you, that's because it was meant to. Which character would you like to be? ♦

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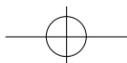
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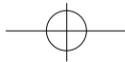
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Our precious sister, Izilda Withers passed into the spiritual world at ten past midnight on September 3, 1997, perhaps not uncoincidentally just days either side of two prominent women whose roots were also very much in the catholic faith—Princess Diana on August 31st and Mother Theresa on September 7th. Izilda's beloved family—husband Philip and second generation daughter Parmy were by her side. She had been diagnosed as having cancer a month or so previously.

Izilda was one of the great pioneering spirits of The Unification Movement in The Western World. She did especially important work in The United States, Portugal and Britain in all of which nations her priceless contribution will surely be long remembered with great affection and deep gratitude. She also spent time pioneering in Honduras.

Izilda was particularly blessed with the necessary qualities for being a pioneer—great love for and devotion to God and True Parents, profound and unshakable faith, sacrificial spirit, intense and single minded desire to do God's will and great perseverance and stubbornness in doing so, often in the face of considerable hardship difficulty. For these and many other qualities she was much loved and valued by our True Parents, who directly gave her pioneering mission on a number of occasions, most notably in the case of Portugal. True Father himself once paid a glowing tribute to Izilda's qualities when at a meeting of leaders in The United States in the early 1970s, he made her stand up and commented "There's an exemplary missionary."

Izilda was born into a devout Catholic family, the sixth of nine children, on the island of Faile in the Portuguese Azores in 1945. Her Catholic upbringing in these early years played a major part in preparing her for her work for True Parents, nurturing the deep devotional character, piety and love for God and truth which would lead her eventually to accept Divine Principle.

Life on Faile was not easy. There was no electricity and few other creature comforts. Self reliance was at a premium and Izilda, the loyal daughter, sacrificed her education at the age of ten to help her father seek out a livelihood farming his small holding, on which he also did some carpentry. Eventually, in 1960 when Izilda was 16, the eruption of a volcano on the island forced the family to flee to the Bay area of California. There she took up her education again and through a combination of natural ability and unstinting hard work succeeded in catching up the lost years of her education, first in High School and later studying foreign languages at Holy Names Catholic Womens' College. It was whilst studying there that in 1969 Izilda met the Bay area family under the leadership of Dr. Edwin Ang, accepting The Principle the first time she heard it.

After a brief spell in The Bay area, Izilda first joined "One World crusade" team under the leadership of The Rev. David S.C. Kim and was then (in 1972) asked by True Father to pioneer Arizona. However, in 1973 Father heard that Izilda was of Portuguese descent and asked her to be pioneering missionary to Portugal where she remained,

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Izilda Ernestina Withers (nee Lima)

apart from periods away pioneering Home Church and leading Portuguese crusade members in Britain, until 1983. During this time she took responsibility to develop the movement in that nation in many ways, leaving behind her 40 dedicated members, a number of properties, a large print press and several businesses. In the latter year in Portugal she worked together with her British husband Philip. By the time of her final illness she could take comfort from the knowledge that upon this foundation almost 20,000 Portuguese people have now received The Blessing from True Parents and the future of the movement there seems bright indeed. Future generations of Portuguese will surely come to know her as The Spiritual Mother of their nation.

In 1983 Philip and Izilda went to The United States once more. There, over the ten years, they devoted themselves wholeheartedly to a succession of responsibilities- IOWC team leadership, the State leadership of Tennessee and Georgia and a variety of pastoral responsibilities in The Bayou le Batre area. During this period Izilda also pioneered various towns and was commended numerous times for her work in educating Christian ministers in relation to The ICC conferences in Korea and Japan.

In 1993, Philip and Izilda return once more to Britain, where they already had a considerable foundation. Not only did Philip, as an early British brother, have a considerable foundation there, but Izilda had been the first pioneer leader in the Northern English town of Huddersfield, to accomplish The Home Church pioneering goal set by Father while he was personally taking responsibility for The Crusade in Britain in the summer of 1978. Furthermore, Philip and Izilda had been matched and blessed by True Parents in The British headquarters in May 1978 and their daughter Parmy had been born in Huddersfield in 1981.

The last 4 years of her life Izilda devoted to humble and self effacing service to the Unification Church in Great Britain, giving invaluable secretarial and administrative support at The Lancaster Gate headquarters, assisting in the preparation of events, baby sitting, as well as supporting Philip to lead a witnessing team around the nation and as a devoted mother, helping Parmy settle into school. Although few who came into contact with her will have known much of her long and devoted service to True Parents, none can have failed to be

touched by the quality of heart and spirit she brought to her surroundings. As National Leader at the time, I felt so grateful for the heart and attitude she showed. She was my elder in both faith and years and yet she supported me and my family in an exemplary way as if the reverse were the case.

It was my privilege to witness the deep faith and selfless courage with which Izilda faced the reality of her short final illness. I was with her the afternoon she was told the diagnosis of incurable and inoperable cancer. I was very moved when she told me with utter sincerity "You know I am not afraid to die, I am just very concerned about Philip and Parmy". As the disease

took its course, despite the valiant attempts of many brothers and sisters to provide a miracle cure, Izilda's unshakable faith sustained her. She had a beautiful dream in which she was on a plane journey with True Parents. A Korean elder was preparing a bed for True Parents with white silk sheets. Then True Mother said that Izilda should use the bed. Izilda was extremely reluctant because it was for True Parents, but Mother smilingly but strongly insisted. Finally, Izilda gave in and jumped in joyfully!

In those last weeks Izilda also came to understand a dream she had had many years before in which she was standing on a barren seashore with a group of people. True Parents told them to stay there come what may, "to wait for the waves", but one by one all the people left, except Izilda. Finally, after quite a time, she saw a massive wave thundering towards her which threatened to envelop her. However, she was not afraid, only exhilarated. Since having the dream its precise meaning had remained unclear, but now she understand that by keeping faith in True Parents, she had been able to live through the age of indemnity (when so much was invested and yet so little result came in terms of humankind following True Parents) to see the age when humanity en masse could begin to fol-

low True Parents, particularly through the widespread giving of The Blessing. This too gave Izilda deep comfort. For myself it most precisely encapsulates the deep meaning and value of her life, for she was truly one of the most devout and faithful of the relatively few who rode out the hardships the suffering and in many ways the fruitlessness of the age of indemnity as a pure and sacrificial offering to enable the rest of humanity to come home to True Parents in the age of accomplishment.

Izilda's final mission, which she received along with Philip at Chong Pyong in October 1996 was as National Messiah to Eritrea in Northeast Africa. She was never able to go there herself, but supported Philip to do so. On his last visit there he was able to bring a wonderful spiritual son, who could come back to Britain to receive education and whom Izilda was so happy to have lived long enough to meet. This victory apart, the way forward in Eritrea prior to Izilda's passing seemed completely blocked. Several representatives of the various National Messiah couples had been there. Not only could they make very little impact on the society but they seemed in real danger of being expelled. Then suddenly, within a very short time of Izilda's leaving us, the situation dramatically changed, The Grand Mufti, the main Moslem leader there as well as the Head of The Ethiopian Orthodox Church, the main Christian leader, agreed to attend The World Cultural and Sports Festival in Washington. What is more, our members were suddenly and wholly unexpectedly granted an audience with The President. When I heard this news I was deeply moved and a single powerful thought flooded into my mind "oh boy, Izilda pioneering again!" In her passing, as in her life on earth, Izilda has succeeded in deeply connecting yet another nation to True Parents.

At her beautiful Seung Wha ceremony at True Parents' house in Chislehurst, attended by about 120 people, including British members, Izilda's in-laws and Dr. Avelino Rodrigues, National Leader of Portugal, warm tributes were read from many elders of our movement, including Rev Young Whi Kim and Dr. Edwin and Mrs. Marie Ang and deep and heartfelt gratitude and appreciation was expressed by so many for a beloved sister of profound and exemplary faith and devotion, whose life has given life to so many by connecting them to True Parents.

Mark Brann, National Leader of Britain from 1993-96 ❖



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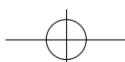
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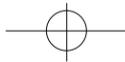
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U N I F I C A T I O N A N N A L S
SLOW TRAIN TO MOSCOW

The days were growing shorter and the night air crisper in late August, 1992, as the final seminars on Reverend Moon's teachings ended in the Baltics. Fourteen participants were returning by train to Moscow from our lake-side retreat in eastern Latvia, and I wanted to see Red Square and the Kremlin before returning home to Syracuse, New York, after a month of helping to teach Divine Principle and leading discussion groups.

People in my group at a previous seminar were outraged at being sent home on a third-class coach. Our staff had a logistic nightmare trying to arrange transportation for the 20,000 people who participated in the summer seminars. It was especially difficult to secure transportation back to Moscow at the end of the summer holidays. Special trains were chartered. We explained the circumstances and apologized for the inconvenient schedule, but there was no quelling the uproar. I wanted to deepen my foundation of heart with the Russian people by traveling with them. What started out as complaints changed to shock that an American wanted to travel third class with them.

A bus will take us to the train station. We collect our supply of food and say our goodbyes. I give away little gifts. I feel a special fondness for Tanya, the young English student from Minsk who was almost never at a loss for words as she translated my lectures. The camp coordinator gives me chewing gum and lifesavers to share on the train. The more I give away, the more I receive. The few people remaining at camp wave and sing. From inside the bus, we wave back. There are tears in some eyes.

Tatiana, the doctoral student in nuclear physics, and Xenia, the student of art history, want to sing from the workshop songbook. Xenia has a strong, high voice, but Tatiana is an alto, and periodically we change key in the middle of a song. I have become fond of the haunting melodies of several Russian folk songs, and after much practice I can stumble through most of the words. Twenty three years ago I took a college course in Russian, and some things are familiar. We sing English and Russian songs the whole two-hour trip to the train station. A couple of teachers join in. I occasionally nod off, but the energetic girls never lose their verve.

Our train consists of a long line dark green or gray cars. Third class coaches have compartments with two sets of ledges and a small table between them. Across the passageway are two small seats with a table and a sleeping shelf above. The table collapses to form a sixth bed. There are no doors or curtains. All the lower bunks in the coach have been claimed by the time we board at 1:00 am in eastern Latvia. We will arrive in Moscow, some 400 miles away, around 8:00 pm Moscow time.

The women my age flock like mother hens around me, apologizing for the conditions on the train. They usher me to the last compartment, "where it will be quietest for you during the night." The people sleeping on the lower bunks don't stir. The women look anxious, and I tell them not to worry. They wonder whether I want an aisle space or the upper bunk of the compartment. I choose the latter. Luggage is stowed on the floor. Although somewhat aged and worn, the coach is fairly clean, and there are no signs of graffiti. There is a pil-

low and thin mattress rolled up on the ledge. Someone goes for sheets, a pillow case, and thin towel, and they arrange it for me. I'm very sleepy. The train sways a little from side to side, to rhythm of wheels turning against the rails. I remember nothing after my head hit the pillow.

I find out later that at least three of our group had to sit up until 4:00 am, when enough people left the train to clear space for them to stretch out. One of these was Alla, an English teacher who had stayed up until 2:00 the previous night trying to translate into English a poem written by her 13-year-old daughter in honor of the seminar. When asked how she feels, she shrugs and says she will sleep during the afternoon.

At 6:30 I am awakened and urged to move down to a compartment with an empty lower bunk. I will be more comfortable there, I am assured. To no avail I protest that I am comfortable now and in fact am quite capable of continuing to sleep where I am. Someone rolls up the bedding, and another person gathers my luggage. I am marched down the aisle. Amazing how people can't understand English when they don't want to hear your protests.

After an hour and a half, I am awakened again and told it is time to get up and eat. Bread, cheese and salami are laid out for me. I am not hungry yet. I have my own bag of food from camp. This time my no is accepted. Anyway, I don't feel like eating until I use the bathroom at the end of the coach, and I don't look forward to that visit. Everyone who returns from the bathroom reeks of old urine and feces. Xenia is concerned; she tells me not to use the bathroom until she shows me how to operate it. When it finally becomes free, she takes me there. The toilet hole empties onto the tracks. I suppose that people don't go for leisurely strolls along the railroad tracks in Russia. The faucet in the tiny sink releases water when you push up on a plunger. There is a smidgen of cake soap. The bare wooden floor is wet and slippery, and Xenia suggests that I stand or squat on the toilet seat and aim down. That's a little hard to do with the train moving.

There are small squares of newspaper for people who don't carry toilet paper (which I do). In earlier years the choice of toilet paper was one of the few unassailable methods of expressing divergent political opinions. One student told me in all seriousness that under Brezhnev, there was little paper available other than the abundant propaganda leaflets bearing his image; once the Soviet leader had to use the bathroom while touring a collective farm and found a stack of his likenesses strategically placed by the toilet.

During the 18-hour ride I sip a 16-ounce jar of orange drink and eat black bread, salami, tomatoes, cucumber, cheese, apples, boiled eggs, and a sweet roll. I use the bathroom only once.

"When we ride the train, we eat and sleep. There is nothing else to do," one woman explains. And it is true that people seem to eat all day long. However, there are creative ways to pass the time. We tell stories, sing songs, and hang out by one of the three windows on the coach that can be opened. As the afternoon wears on, the sun grows hotter and the air more stale. Where was all this warmth in the Baltics when we had a lake a short walk from our camp? We reminisce about swimming, even nighttime swimming in the chilly water.

Maybe a third of our group can carry on an English conversation. I ask people for comments about the seminar. Tatiana, who teaches high school physics in addition to taking university classes, suggests that the slides using scientific examples be more carefully worded. Nadyezhda, who always asked intriguing questions after each lecture, talks about her work as a child psychologist at a research institute in Moscow. I urge them to continue searching for truth and developing their spiritual life.

Tatiana and her brother Alexei, a mathematics student, sit and look out the window. People stretch out for naps. Last night's bus chorale becomes today's train chorale, and we sing softly so as not to awaken our elderly companion in the compartment. "You sound so feeble," Irene

complains, one eyelid partly open. "What's the matter?"

"Oh, we didn't want to awaken you," Xenia replies.

"I'm not asleep," she grunts. "Anyway, it's too hot to sleep."

An unkempt man stretches out on the top bunk. Occasionally he climbs down and walks off down the passageway.

As the afternoon wears on, I wander down the car to collect addresses of our "train family" as I call it. Various combinations of people sit and chat. Rosalia the artist, at 72, was the eldest at the seminar and now on the train as well. Each afternoon at camp she climbed the glaciated hills to paint watercolor scenes, giving away many as gifts. I have one of her paintings. She is treated with the respect due her years. Vladimir gives me his business card. I decipher the Russian words and learn that he served abroad on Soviet trade missions. He has a dignity befitting his advanced years (well beyond the 55-year average lifespan of a Russian) and his diplomatic career. Sophia is pregnant; she is accompanied by a teenage son. Respected for her intelligence and

stories of innovative teaching methods, Sophia speaks to me in slow, intense English, but we communicate more by heart than by vocabulary and syntax.

I feel ashamed that we were unable to arrange more suitable transportation for such people, but even our third-class tickets had been bought at exorbitant prices from scalpers. People had complained that our staff did not do its job properly, for although we had two tickets, each good for eight people, we found less than 16 empty berths upon boarding our coach. However, at each local stop, people come down the aisle carrying tickets for nonexistent seats. Those who are perceptive realize that the train employees simply sell more tickets than there are spaces. There is no longer even a hint of complaint. Reciprocal concern for others creates a warm, family atmosphere.

When I return to my compartment, I find the man from the upper bunk smiling in my direction. Irene holds out a book for me. It is a gift from our fellow traveler. When he learned that I was an American, he wanted to present it to me. The title is *Hobo*, a translation of an American book about riding trains. I can read it to practice my Russian, he says. Touched, and chagrined at my tendency to judge people by appearances, I accept the book graciously and offer some candy in return.

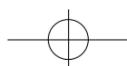
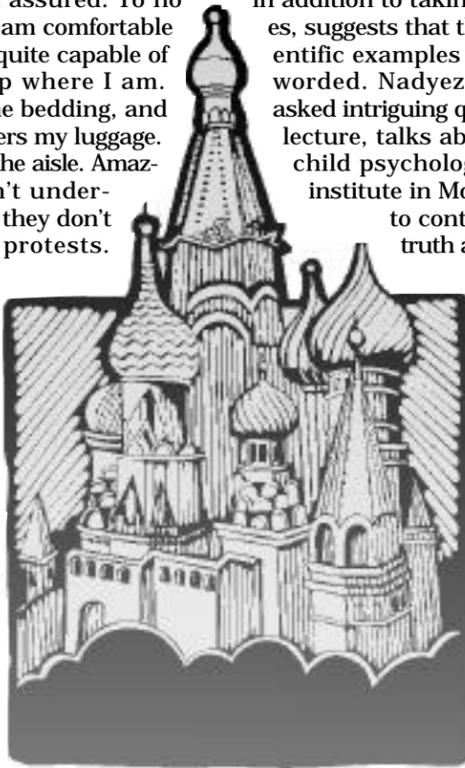
Irene is sweating. I fan her with a newspaper. She protests, but not too vigorously. More singing by the train chorale. Not too loudly, since some people are dozing. My fanning varies in its intensity, but it makes some difference. Eventually Irene wanders off to spend some time near an open window.

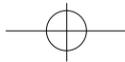
Periodically the train stops, sometimes at a station, other times for no apparent reason. Women pass through, carrying baskets or buckets, looking for a place to sit down. "This compartment is full," we tell them. It is true. There are seven of us sharing space for six.

Outside, the flat landscape is mostly forested, with evergreen trees and occasional large stands of birch. Passing through the vast expanses of woodland in western Russia, one wonders why people panic about global deforestation. In this forest and meadowland country there are occasional towns and cultivated fields. In contrast to the neat houses and intensively-planted garden plots in the Baltics, Russian buildings look dilapidated and the grounds around them are often unkempt. One woman tells me that Khrushchev forced the Russian peasants to sell their cattle and move to the cities, leaving only the elderly behind. There aren't enough people in the countryside to work the land and care for the buildings, she explains.

Russia does not grow enough food to feed its people, and the transition to a market economy is rocky. There was little freedom under Communist Party rule, but in Moscow at least there was food. People tend to forget the former and remember the latter. The women talk sadly about last winter, when there was little to buy but potatoes, and even they were sometimes scarce. Fortunate are the families with a grandmother to spend the day scouring the city for gro-

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ALEX COLVIN

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Old World Ends, New World Begins

So many things are going on in the world, that no one really knows what is going on. With the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the end of the polarization between the communist block and the West, the historical resentments of the past are bubbling to the surface in racial, regional, and religious conflicts. The dividing lines that were established by the major powers after World War One and World War Two are coming apart at the seams. The digital revolution is changing the nature of the world economy. We are living in the post industrial era.

Domestically, society seems to be coming apart at the seams. Our nation is involved in a "culture war." There is

no consensus on values, education appears to be failing, crime is rampant. The old "liberal" faith that government can usher in an age of equality and prosperity is bankrupt. In its wake is a tidal wave of urban problems—drugs, crime, single parenthood, and cyclical dependency—that threaten to suck us down a maelstrom of despair. In the midst of the confusion and tension, people escape into bizarre conspiracy theories or shut themselves off from the larger world and live day to day for themselves.

What is going on? Where are we headed? Is there hope?

Abraham Lincoln, leaving for Washington to assume the presidency, said, "With God, I cannot fail; without God, I cannot possibly succeed." These words are relevant today. The fundamental question in life is whether or

not God exists. If God exists, then the world is guided by Providence. We can seek wisdom and God freely gives to all who ask. "Surely the Lord God does nothing without first revealing his secrets to his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:9).

If God doesn't exist, and the universe is simply a series of random physico-chemical reactions, then we truly live in an existential wasteland wherein "whirl is king."

As for me and my house, we are convinced of God's existence. Actually, it's not hard to find God. Simply be humble and have an open mind, pray and seek sincerely for truth. Amazing

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things will happen! You will discover a spiritual life and God will guide you from wherever you are into a relationship with Him.

Hamlet once remarked, "Surely He who gave us such noble discourse and godlike reason gave it not to rust in us unused." God wants us to understand his Providence—not just doctrine or theology. Calvin enjoined his followers to preach the whole counsel of God. In other words, let's try to understand, in the light of our faith, how God is working in the world. So, let's pray to God for wisdom, and with an open mind let's discuss the issues. Please feel free to respond. ❖

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ceries.

Food prices have risen dramatically in recent months; beef that used to cost 2 rubles a kilo now sells for around 200. Salary increases lag far behind the inflation rate. A Moscow teacher earns about 2000 rubles a month. In addition to working full time, the women typically have to shop for food and do all the cooking, cleaning, child-care, and laundry. Hard times place stress on marriages, and I hear stories of recent divorces. The women shake their heads and wonder what the coming winter will bring.

One woman walks up and down the line of cars offering bottles of diet Pepsi (25 rubles), shampoo (110 rubles), and candy. She doesn't get any business from us. Irene is skeptical of the contents of the shampoo bottles. Constant eating doesn't seem to diminish the contents of our food bags.

Xenia comes running down the passage way; she has a lot of energy for any occasion. "The train will be at the station for five minutes. Let's get some fresh air." On the platform old-looking women are selling apples. We stretch and breathe deeply.

Back in our compartments, we look out the windows. "We're close to Moscow," Xenia bubbles. She jumps up to watch the countryside give way to suburbs. Tall apartment complexes stretch above the decrepit buildings and unkempt empty plots. "I'm almost home." Then her mood changes. She called home to tell her parents what train she was to travel on, but she didn't know which of several Moscow stations it would arrive at. Maybe her mother would be waiting for her at the wrong station.

Earlier, Xenia said she is a descendant of the noble family that killed the infamous Rasputin. The older women beam at Xenia and add for my benefit details about her well-known ingenious and persistent ancestors.

People put on fresh clothes for their arrival in Moscow. They are surprised that I don't want to change as well. The only place that affords privacy is the bathroom. I look down at my tee shirt and cotton slacks and decide they will do. I will stay two nights with Alla and her daughter before riding another slow train back to Riga, Latvia, to catch my return flight to New York.

We pull into a train station of blue and

white stucco with several barrel arches flanking a large vaulted entrance. There I am able to buy a second-class ticket to Riga. In contrast to the congenial atmosphere among seminar participants, the three young people who share my compartment enroute to Riga raise their eyes from their pornographic newspapers only to gobble down food.

As we disembark in Moscow, the gray evening sky unleashes a downpour. There was no opportunity to take a shower on the train, so one greets us upon our arrival. Xenia introduces me to her smiling mother and insists that I use her umbrella until we get inside the station. I try to assemble everyone for a photo, but the rain isolates people in forlorn clumps. The dreariness of the rain tempers the sadness of saying goodbye. On the other hand, the rain is refreshing and cleansing, symbolic of our experience at the seminar. ❖

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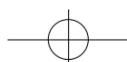
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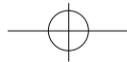
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Michael Breen was a journalist in Seoul for 15 years. He now lives in Britain where he is writing a book about Korea.

One morning many years ago, in the church headquarters building in London, I sat down next to a Korean sister to have breakfast. She was prodding rather miserably at her corn flakes, and seemed absorbed, so I didn't say anything, reminding myself that silence is OK for Orientals.

The cereal done, she stared for a moment at a slab of bread and started eating it without butter or marmalade.

"I guess English food is different for you?" I ventured, trying to be culturally sensitive. At this, she burst into tears and rushed out of the room.

Until that experience, I thought you were only supposed to cry about major issues such as John the Baptist's failure, and spiritual children who leave, unless you were really selfish. Somehow, dry bread didn't fit into the picture. But, like many British members, I labored under a happy illusion that oriental members were spiritually superior, and figured that something deeper was going on.

It was. Culture clash. Later I would experience 15 years of it living in Korea.

Of course, as a Unificationist, you don't need to go abroad to find it. Many have it in their marriages. And in some ways, all non-Koreans may experience a culture clash simply by being in the church. This is because, as it has grown, the international activists have become increasingly dominated by Koreans, who bring with them a particular culture of management.

You're always on shaky ground when you start classifying people by nationality. In the total make-up, I'd guess it counts for about 15 percent and is less significant than gender, character, class and occupation. So, in talking about nationality, you naturally tend to generalize. Koreans are of course as varied as any other peoples, but they are culturally and racially about the most homogeneous nation on earth. If nothing else, this is suitable justification for the generalizations which follow.

I find Koreans are wonderful as friends. I can think of no person I'd rather have with me if I was stuck on Camp 6 on Mt. Everest in a storm, pro-

vided he doesn't smoke. But, much as I like Koreans, I find they are generally difficult to work under when you're in the junior position. So I wouldn't want my climbing companion to be the expedition leader. But, if it's any consolation, Korean bosses tend to be nicer to foreigners than to their own.

The Confucianism that underpins Korean society means they start from a very different place than westerners. Bottom line existential reality is not God, but relationships with people. Thus their feet are more on the ground than ours. They're more materialistic and people-oriented than we are. We are more internal and vertical because we relate to God and our conscience more than to other people. Westerners do better on desert islands than easterners.

While Confucianism explains the emphasis on ceremony and etiquette, it does not explain the earthy passion of Koreans. This comes from the more ancient tradition of shamanism, according to which to be fully human, you have to grip life with both hands. When Koreans happily make vulgar noises in public, it's not because of a farming background. Well, not only. It's because the shamanist streak makes a virtue out of earthy expressiveness.

Another contradiction is that while Confucianism makes people very narrow and conservative, the shamanist thinking makes Koreans very tolerant. In many ways, they are far less judgmental than western liberals pretend to be. They have a nice habit in Korea when a drunk gets on a bus of standing up and giving him a seat. In Britain, an obstreperous drunk would get a lot of disapproving looks and possibly a punch in the face. But the Koreans give people space when they need it to get over what's bothering them.

Korean relationships are structured so that everyone except same-age classmates and friends are either above or below in status. The learned ethical obligations tend to stress duties of the inferiors, rather than responsibilities of superiors.

Koreans have been royally shafted by their leaders. In this century the country was handed over to Japan by the leadership without a fight. Given the lack of confidence in leadership (maybe there are other reasons, too), Koreans are very fractious. There's a joke that while two Japanese on a desert island would create one political party, two Koreans would create three parties—one each and a coalition. This difference is apparent when you look at

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A Personal View

companies and labor relations in the two countries.

Both the Korean and the Japanese seek to expand their family-type relationships to larger groups. But for the Korean the extent of trust is limited. The Japanese can be loyal to nation and organization. But this is very difficult for the Korean, who tends to seek sub-groups within organizations as objects of loyalty. Despite their stated patriotism, I do not consider Koreans to be really very patriotic. Given half a chance, millions would become American citizens. The real Korean loyalty is to family. They find it extremely difficult to cooperate with non-family members.

Koreans have emerged from a fearful world. In this horrible century, Koreans are up there with the Poles, the Cambodians and others for sheer enormity of suffering caused by political factors. It's touched every family. In my book, this misery is reason enough to feel compassion for them. These are a deeply scarred people.

As if external political events were not enough, Koreans have in many ways been their own worst abusers. They've all been bullied by dictators, teachers, police, army officers, bosses, fathers and big brothers, and anyone else with more authority. Women suffer terribly from abuse. The first words they may hear is the "Oh no," of their father and grandparents when they're born. That assumes, of course, that they've made it to the birthing room. There has been so much aborting of female fetuses that, when it became noticeable in the imbalance in kindergarten classes a few years ago, the government made it illegal for doctors to reveal the results of Ultrasound tests.

It's not illegal for a husband to beat his wife. I've lived in two places where next door the drunken dad regularly beat up his wife. The mothers' recourse has been to love their children with a passion. Grown men can be reduced to blubbering wrecks when they recall what their mothers went through to raise them. They would crawl a million miles over broken glass for their mothers. But not for their fathers. This is particularly true of the generation of fathers now in their 50s and 60s. They were such workaholics that their children hardly knew them. One model workaholic,

Kim Woo-chung, the chairman of the Daewoo Group, always worked seven-day weeks and took his first day off work in 30 years after his son was killed in an auto accident. The Promise Keepers are a bit late to save this generation.

God was no comfort because historically, the shamanistic spiritual world, until the recent arrival of Christianity, was peopled by spirits and ancestors that got angry and wrecked your life if not appeased.

For all these reasons, Koreans kind of approach the world with a personal confidence from mother's love, but with clenched fists.

They are a very physical and forthright people. If you have a spot on your nose which everyone in the center is politely pretending isn't there, it will be the Korean who says in a loud voice, "Hey, you've got a spot." But when you are hurt inside, he may be the first to notice.

However, I should point out that this portrait of Koreans may be getting rapidly out of date. No country, with the possible exception of Taiwan, has developed so fast in human history. In 1960, South Korea was on a par with Ghana. Now it is overtaking Britain. As a result each generation thinks and behaves very differently from the last. And a new generation comes every five years.

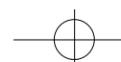
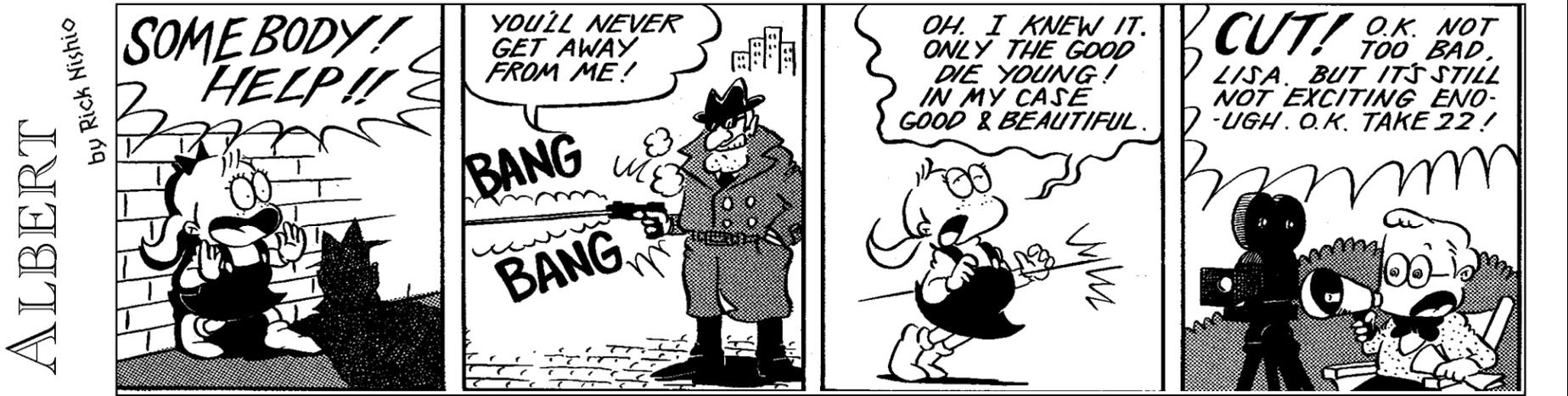
Our church leaders come from that generation which upturned the social system and brought Korea out of the paddy fields and into Silicon Valley. Father, and many of the leaders, are from peasant backgrounds and were raised at a time of terrible violence and grinding poverty. When Father says he was hungry every day until his 30s, he's not making it up. Despite their idealizing of their own country, they have few illusions about the depths of backwardness they have emerged from. There is little pride in the past. For many, the single source of pride is the greatest that a nation can have, to be able to say that Christ was born there.

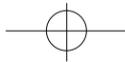
Scratch a Korean and you will often find unspeakable stories in his family's experience. One friend in Seoul told me of a relative who was tied by North Korean soldiers to the floor of his house. They stoked up the underfloor heating until he slowly burned to death. South Koreans also committed horrendous atrocities. On Cheju Island in 1948, anti-communist youth groups and police massacred thousands of innocent villagers with bamboo spikes and rifles to dissuade survivors from supporting communist rebels.

Has government protected them in peacetime? No, government has always

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been the biggest bully. Last year I met a man who had been released from prison after 44 years. Most of it was in solitary confinement. His crime? He was a communist who stubbornly refused to recant. Back in 1951, his family arrived after the trial was over and were told that if they'd got there earlier and bribed the judge, they could have got him off. Few people in Korea care about his story.

There are a million tales of power abuse. One elder Korean member, who is well known to foreign members, was once held on suspicion of murder. He was kept in a hotel room for 12 days by police, naked, and beaten senseless, but wouldn't confess. They let him go without a word and picked up another suspect, who got the same treatment. "Didn't you sue?" I asked him. "How long have you been in Korea?" he asked me. The law, I soon learned, and the tax authorities, are weapons in the bully's armory.

So Koreans fear fate and mistrust people something wicked, and with good reason. One of their survival strategies is to harness spirit world, using fortune-tellers, making offerings etc. They also rely of intuition about people. Westerners tend to be impressed with words, but Koreans tend to "feel" people's vibes. You may have had the sense that while you're explaining something to a Korean (especially one in a superior position), he's not really listening. His ears might be, but he's often trying to sense what you are, whether you're a decent person or a threat etc. It's this kind of thing that people are referring to, I think, when they say Koreans are "internal".

Another strategy is to roll over when you're weak. Don't be fooled by the bowing. It's acquiescence, not respect. Koreans tend to dislike bosses and leaders, but they know when to acknowledge superior power. What tends to happen is that when a boss is no longer in power, his successor will completely ignore his projects and his foundation and come in with new projects simply to assert his own authority. I was once invited to give some lectures on ethics in journalism to editors and reporters of the Joong-Ang Ilbo, the daily paper owned by the Samsung Group. It was part of a week-long training session. I got really irritated because no one was paying attention. After the second lecture I asked a few people why they were there and they said that the "training" had been ordered by the new publisher as a way of asserting his authority. Basically, they figured it was a waste of time, but they were going through the motions. So, I started the next lecture addressing this point and then discussing with them whether it would be ethical to expose the sexual scandals of President Kim Young-sam. That seemed to get their attention.

When workers get the power, as Korean labor unions have in recent years, one of the first things they try and do is demand the right to make management decisions. Incredibly, this is sometimes granted. On some newspapers, reporters have the power to veto the appointment of

editors. This all derives from mistrust of leadership.

Going overseas, Koreans get into all kinds of trouble because of all this baggage I'm talking about. There are cases of businessmen beating up workers in China and Indonesia, where Koreans feel they are superior. In the West, the problem tends to be corruption. You need to bribe your way in business in Korea and there's often a naive assumption that this will work in developed countries. The Daewoo Group was stung with a big tax bill in the U.S. in the 1980s and instead of paying it, they spent millions of dollars lobbying. They even bought some property and sold it cheap to a politician's son, thinking this was the way to get influence. In the end the tax bill the eventually paid was five times bigger than the original one.

Because of such corrupt practices and also because of a rather tedious obsession with status, Korean managers overseas do not fare so well with white collar workers. However, their warmth and earthiness can be a real plus with blue-collar workers in the West.

From a business viewpoint, Korea's is a "low-trust" culture. It is not easy for people who are not family members to trust one another enough to go into business together. In this regard, Korea is very different from Japan and America, which are "high-trust". (For more on this, I'd recommend the chapter on Korea in the book "Trust" by Francis Fukuyama). The culture-clash problems we are familiar with in the UC come about when people from this low-trust, non-Christian culture, find themselves in charge of people from high-trust, Christian cultures.

The UC presents many complications in this analysis because it is a spiritual group, not a business. One problem is that Korea is being idealized and even made an object of worship.

Father is, of course, a Korean, but he strikes us as more than a Korean. His views are informed by Korean experience and values, but he goes beyond it. One of my few personal experiences with Father was very liberating in this regard. His gave me something once and as I sat down a Korean leader in a loud aside said, "In Korea, when we receive things from True Parents, we do so like this with two hands." I thought I might have inadvertently offended Father and half rose out of my chair to apologize, but he waved me down with a smile and said in English, "Korean culture. Not important."

Still, in general, the UC is very Korean (aside from the Japanese part) because of certain features that Father is unwilling or unable to step in and change. For example, it is:

1. Authoritarian.

Central power is very much in the hands of the central figure.

2. Individualistic.

Koreans are low-trust. They do not harmonize like the Japanese. Thus each pursues his own mission and makes sure his lifeline to the

power source is intact. To the west-erner, Korean leaders appear to be "doing their own thing." The higher they are, the less likely to cooperate with their peers. They know that the way to get on in the UC is create your own career within it.

This individualism works in another way. Instead of pooling talents and resources and achieving goals through team-work, UC members are in general required to do everything by themselves. Thus, for example, recruitment of new members or gaining signatures for a campaign tends to be a matter for every follower.

3. Status-oriented.

Your status determines how you are treated. Thus the symbols that denote status become very important. For example, being "Mr." is pretty low so you try to go for "Dr." or "Prof." or "Rev". Unlike Chinese, Koreans get very uncomfortable about adopting western names. What many fail to recognize is that western members are going to feel much closer and warmer towards people who do make their names easier, like Peter Kim and Joseph Kamiwatari.

4. Personality-oriented.

Loyalty is not to ideas but to people in power.

5. Top-downism

Korean national development in the last 40 years has followed a very distinct pattern. It began with a visionary leader who held total power, Park Chung-hee. He supported large companies, like Hyundai and Daewoo, which were lead by visionary chairmen who held total power. The worker was irrelevant and, if he got angry, may find himself accused of being a communist and suppressed. But as the country developed and the middle class grew, democratization began to spread. Now in modern Korea, you can no longer ignore the worker, the voter and the consumer. In the UC, though, the old top-downism prevails. In my interpretation, the homechurch and tribal messiah drives in the UC marked a kind democratization, in which members were set free from an authoritarian spiritual community.

6. Emotional.

A great thing about many Koreans is that they are not afraid of emotion. You can get angry and disagree with them and they won't hold it against you as long as you don't embarrass them in public. When they pray and their heart is bursting, the snot and tears fly. Tears are the measure of spirituality in the UC. And rightly so, given the central theme of God's heart.

7. The Emotional Lever

One odd aspect of Korean emotionalism in the UC is that there is a great tradition in testimony-giving of stressing the hardship and emotional suffering of "Abel" as a strategy for helping "Cain" unite with him in heart. Thus we were all moved to hear how True Children, for example, had suffered persecution at school. However, you don't get the impression that Abels are all that interested in Cains. Cain can only get emotional if he's expressing how he's overcome himself to love Abel.

This is not because Koreans are not sympathetic. It is, I believe, more to do with strategy. The way to win hearts and minds in

Christian democracies is often to serve the grass roots and challenge the powerful. In the east Asian environment, this is suicidal. Furthermore, by showing your concern for the grass roots, you may be simply inviting "Cain" into your house to take everything you have.

8. Poor communication.

Koreans are not great communicators with modern, democratic audiences. They seek to demonstrate their authority often by mobilizing large numbers and then expect an audience to listen. This doesn't always work with westerners who are often mistrustful of people who would seek power.

The western approach of communicating a message verbally is less appealing for Koreans for a very logical reason. Koreans don't listen. One of their ways of rebelling is to ignore you. In the 1980s when the dictator Chun Doo-hwan used to walk into a reception of, say, 500 people, a few sycophants would stand there holding their gin and tonics and listen to him, while the rest of the room just carried on their conversations.

But in other societies the patterns are different. A PR advisor would say that every time a Unification leader stands up in front of a western audience, he or she should repeat the same core messages. This doesn't happen. The inspiring parts of the Unification message: God has a broken heart, you have a messianic role to heal it, let's harmonize, let's marry foreigners, etc. are poorly communicated.

9. Hierarchical.

In any hierarchical organization, the most important aspect of your work is how you are going to report to your boss. In a religion, this is unfortunate because it means that saving souls is secondary to getting some good tales that will inspire the regional leader.

In this vertical culture, loyalty to leaders and filial love of TP tend to be the prime virtues.

In the UC, you are limited by which country you're from. Father is not likely to make, say, a Belgian the head of world missions, nor an Ethiopian head of church finances. He has said that when Korea becomes "Adam" upon reunification, national barriers will cease to have meaning. Perhaps then the UC will become a meritocracy, rendering an individual's race, nationality and "restoration significance" irrelevant. ❖

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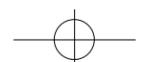
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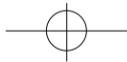
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Secrets for a Successful Marriage

by Dr. Dietrich Seidel—NYC

When it comes to building a successful marriage the steps to take often seem hidden and enigmatic. However, after taking a closer look, it involves a simple approach and common sense. The reason that the obvious appears to be concealed is due to undesirable habits which penetrate our marital life. Routines within our daily lives and frequent stretches of over-commitment can create a certain fog for husband and wife in their marriage relationship. Thus, we may lose sight of basic attitudes and skills that are essential for a vital marriage. However, once we realize the need for eliminating this marriage fog, we find ourselves rediscovering simple principles for marital happiness. We then can bring the secrets for successful marriage into the daylight.

How shall we decide what is really important for strengthening our marriages? Last April, I experienced a serious snow storm that left dozens of trees uprooted in my neighborhood including two giant ones in my own backyard. I vividly recall the rushing sound when the trees came tumbling down with a great thump. Their mighty trunks lying down with their roots exposed in the sunlight seemed to convey to me one last message: "We tried hard but we were not anchored deeply enough!"

This whole experience illustrated for me the importance of strong roots and an unyielding foundation as it applies specifically to the communion of marriage. According to marriage experts Stinnet and Trotman, great emphasis is given to the spouses' character development, their attitude and internal disposition. In fact, most advice has to do with strengthening the roots of human relationships. Like the roots of a tree, our internal disposition also needs to be firmly grounded in the solid foundation of our value system and world view so that we can brave even the greatest storms.

To achieve a good marriage, we need to develop two areas, namely, internal attitudes and external skills. Internal attitudes have to do with our spiritual lives which define the roots of our marriages, while external skills focus on building and nourishing our marital bond. As we can well imagine, only the harmonious interaction of these two areas will lead to the realization of successful marriages. The following points of advice address not only the roots of marital life but also basic interactive skills with which we will be able to nourish and develop our relationship as a couple.

1. Have a strong religious conviction. Husband and wife discover the deepest roots of their marriage in their living relationship with God. True family values emerge from that relationship, providing consistent guidance and inspiration for the life-long task of marriage building. In fact, all internal attitudes are rooted in our perception of God's will and the experience of His parental love. Marriage without a solid spiritual foundation is like a house built on sand.

We should always keep in mind that the fulfillment of all religious ceremonies and of all theological doctrine lies in the realization of true love between husband and wife.

2. Develop the habit of praying as a couple. Our daily communication with God becomes the life line for our spiritual development. In particular, our prayers as couples for the sake of the well-being of family members and other people cultivate our spiritual disposition to live for the sake of others. Soon we will discover that the habit of prayer in marriage is a win-win situation as we also develop the virtue of living for the sake of our spouse. Be creative if differing schedules do not give you enough time for daily prayers. Surprise your partner with a prayer on the phone or by using E-mail.

3. Make loving your spouse a conscious decision. The internal disposition of a lasting commitment in marriage is based on the daily decision to make your spouse the number one priority in your life. Such a heartfelt appreciation of your partner is rooted in an ever present awareness of his or her absolute uniqueness as God's son or daughter. In fact, we can develop an overwhelming sense of appreciation of the special qualities of our mate as a human being that in turn commands a response of love and respect. With such a mind set, we will actively avoid the trap of taking each other for granted. Rather, we realize that a perpetual sense of newness in our marital relationship emerges from the simple habit of honoring our "better half". We may honor our spouse not only by expressing gratitude, appreciation or a sincere compliment, but more importantly by practicing a spirit of service. "I love you" is then communicated as "I care about our life together".

To persevere in our conscious decision to honor and love our marriage partner may sometimes turn out to be a challenging task when facing each other's immaturities and weaknesses. We find ourselves battling a self-centered interpretation of what it means to love our mate. In fact, we are exposed to a culture that seems to operate on a fifty-fifty proposition for living out the marriage contract. This means, I love you if you love me. It explains the impoverishment of the marriage bond in terms of only offering conditional love to each other. However, in order to succeed in mar-

riage, we need to turn to the hundred-hundred proposition of unconditional love. Only such a proposition of genuine self-giving will enable us to mobilize sufficient patience in times of difficulties and stress.

Decide to plan some time together on a weekly basis, just you and your spouse spending "essential time" removed from the "urgent time" of our daily pressing agendas. Turning off the TV and talking to your spouse is one step in the right direction. Demonstrate in no uncertain terms that your spouse is number one in your life by showing plenty of affection, may it be through hugs or back rubs, or acts of kindness and service like cleaning up a messy drawer, washing the floor or doing other chores around the house.

4. Learn effective communication skills. Kathy and Mark are one of those couples who are serious about improving their marriage. They have realized that it is not sufficient merely to endure in a boring and estranged relationship but they are looking for new avenues to turn their marriage into an exciting and satisfying adventure. They have come to understand that one issue deserves particular attention, namely, improving their communication skills. They have decided to focus on honestly communicating their feelings on a given issue or event. Before starting their dialogue, they agreed to follow certain rules that will enable them to build a safe atmosphere for communicating. It is like agreeing to the rules of a game. Within the framework of observing clear rules one can expect a joyful and meaningful result. This also holds true for developing communication skills, especially if the couple wants to discuss sensitive issues that underlie their marital relationship. Here, an atmosphere of mutual trust and openness becomes indispensable and it needs to be built with patience, care and a clear focus.

Here is a set of rules Kathy and Mark agreed upon:

- (1) we agree to make an appointment for discussing a sensitive topic, clearly defining place and time.
- (2) we determine to limit our dialogue to the one topic that we previously selected
- (3) we each write for ten minutes one brief but loving letter to our spouse expressing with empathy our feelings about the selected topic
- (4) we read each other's letter carefully twice
- (5) we start our dialogue explaining to each other the feelings we have based on the letter we received
- (6) we observe the rule of active and empathic listening
- (7) we patiently discuss possible solutions for solving the previously defined difficulty or problem.
- (8) we agree to implement a clear course of action for improving our situation

(9) we limit our dialogue to thirty minutes (or any suitable length)

(10) we agree when to meet again for discussing the effectiveness of our course of action.

The above listed points outline one possible set of rules. It is up to the couple to find rules they are comfortable with. As long as they observe the essential skill of empathic listening, their dialogue will move in the right direction. Emphatic listening means that you as the listener repeat the major points of your partner's message in an emotionally responsive manner so that your spouse is assured of being fully understood.

5. Become best friends as a couple. Friendship is the result of sharing common interests whereby the daily practice of kindness and respect creates an atmosphere of joy and trust. For the couple to build their friendship they need to take time to share mutually fulfilling activities. In this way they fill their hearts with joyful memories and develop a team spirit that will enable them to maintain an optimistic outlook on their marriage even in difficult times.

To be best friends means to enjoy each other's company, not in a pleasure seeking superficial way but by exploring our partner's inner world, thus creating an atmosphere of mutual understanding. Friendship is also carried by the courage to have fun together. Often our marriages are driven by a sense of duty, the calling to fulfill a never ending list of responsibilities. Here, it takes courage to break the routine and to share fun activities together such as listening to our favorite music, going on a skiing trip or spending an afternoon at the bowling alley. The idea is not to escape our responsibilities, but to allow new life and joy to enter our marriages. The benefits from husband and wife being best friends are indeed beyond any rational calculation.

In summing up the above issues, we can say that, once our internal attitudes are firmly rooted in a vibrant spiritual life, we are prepared to focus on relational skills that will strengthen our marriages. Today, we often find an imbalance between caring for our spiritual life and becoming more proficient in communication skills. On the one hand, there are numerous sincere believers who practice a spiritual path but are still ineffective in their attempt to improve their marriages and family relationships. On the other hand, we witness the rather limited success of secular marriage counselors who would only employ psychological insights in their practice, thus fighting a losing battle against the alarming decline of family life. A balanced approach is needed that combines the strengthening of internal attitudes based on religious convictions with the development of external skills that prove their effectiveness within the daily life of husband and wife. ❖

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in the neutrinos. In regular matter, such neutrinos would escape carrying all their energy away, such as in the neutrinos created by the fusion in the sun which sail away perchance to pierce a lover and his lass. But neutronium, and the other exotic forms of matter created in the rapid collapse of the star, is not regular matter at all—it weighs in at a trillion tons a spoonful—and even neutrinos cannot pass through it with ease.

Much of the burst of neutrinos from the collapsing core is absorbed by these outer layers and dumps there a vast

amount of energy. This causes these layers to blow asunder—the star explodes as a supernova and, for a while, it will outshine the whole galaxy of a million, billion suns. Some of the neutrinos do escape and six of them were detected when a star went supernova in 1987—six might not seem a lot but, for neutrinos and their reluctance to stop in the detector, it marked a massive flux of them passing through the earth from the dying star, even though it was trillions of miles away from us.

In the apocalypse of a supernova there is energy and more to spare—and iron, along with the other light elements, are slammed together with enough extra ener-

gy to create all the elements heavier than iron—including gold—which are then scattered throughout the heavens by the force of the explosion.

Gathered up with the lighter elements in the accretion of the planet earth, some of this gold, forged in the death throes of some ancient star, was lucky enough to end up on the finger of a child of God getting married.

So there you have it; neutrinos have their place in the Plan—for without neutrinos there would be no gold—and Blessing Rings of iron would not be quite the same. Congratulations all! ❖

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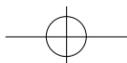
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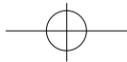
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This article was written to celebrate the Blessing held in Korea, August 1992. It is being reprinted to honor the upcoming Blessing of 39.6 million at RFK Stadium.

I wanted to write about the Blessing but with a science angle. But I was stumped as to just what to write about.

Then, just the other day, by chance or design I cannot say, I was discoursing with an encyclopedic academic about this weird and exotic subatomic particle called the neutrino. I had just finished telling him that, while the sun was pouring trillions of them down into his body at that very moment, he need not worry about it as they were so indifferent to him that they would all pass on through and, as the earth itself was as nothing to them—a trillion miles of lead would not faze them—they would pour on out the other side unchecked. Same thing happens at night, of course, except this time they pour in at the feet and out of the head.

At that point I would have recited the poem "Cosmic Gall" by John Updike if I had been able to remember it:
*Neutrinos they are very small
 They have no charge and have no mass
 And do not interact at all.
 The earth is just a silly ball
 To them through which they simply pass...
 At night they enter at Nepal
 And pierce the lover and his lass
 From underneath the bed—you call / It wonderful; I call it crass.*

My erudite friend thought about this curiosity, for a moment. Then, being well versed in the Principle, and knowing that God created all things with a purpose, he quite naturally asked, "What's the purpose of the neutrino?"

I paused for a Buddha-moment of illumination as I realized he had revealed the topic of my article for me. "The purpose of the neutrino," I pronounced, "is the Blessing Ring."

More correctly, if less intriguingly, at least one purpose of the neutrino is the creation of all the elements heavier than iron, including the much sought-after gold.

The Big Bang

You see, when God created the Universe, He didn't make everything at once. In fact, just a few seconds after the moment of creation—what scientists with understatement call The Big Bang—all the matter in the universe was in the form of electrons, protons and neutrons. While the protons were stable and could wait around until things cooled down a bit to form hydrogen atoms with the electrons, the neutrons would fall apart into protons if left to themselves for longer than about eleven minutes.

In the ensuing few minutes, however, some of the neutrons hooked up with protons, forming helium nuclei, and escaped this fate.

So, the calculations of nuclear physicists tell us, when our universe was about an hour old, the matter it contained was about 80% free protons and the rest was helium nuclei.

Then, about a million years later, the universe had cooled enough and the separation period ended; the electrons embraced them and hydrogen and helium atoms formed. This was the first regular matter to appear and the universe still has, basically, the same composition today as it did back then—everything else is still just a minor constituent.

THE NEUTRINO AND THE BLESSING RING

While this was a Good Beginning—it could hardly be otherwise—there was much to be done if the Plan was to progress, as it is difficult to build anything interesting—let alone the sons and daughters of God—out of just hydrogen and helium. Helium, in fact, is the "neutrino" of the atomic world—it is so indifferent to interaction that no one on earth even noticed it until its signature, so to speak, was noticed in the light coming from the sun. It took a little while longer to realize that almost a quarter of the universe is made of the stuff.

Hydrogen has a little more passion for give-and-take but, left to itself, about the most it can do is pair off into hydrogen molecules. Clearly, the work of creation had only just started.

Next step in the Plan was for the matter in the Universe, which at this point was pretty much a diffuse gas, to start clumping together under the influence of gravity. Just how this clumping occurred is currently a "hot topic" in the science world but, somehow, it happened.

The sun

Now you might have noticed when you were a kid that when you pump up a bicycle tire, the pump gets hot—compressing a gas heats it up. On a slightly larger scale, when trillions of tons of gas gravitationally fall together they also heat up. As things progress, the gas gets very hot and, when the temperature gets high enough, a miracle occurs: a star is born. No, not the Judy Garland kind! That came much, much later.

This ignition occurs because the combination of a proton and a neutron has a little less energy than two free protons, so when two protons get close enough to each other they have a tendency, though small, to shake off that extra energy so that one of the protons transforms into a neutron and the two unite together, creating a heavy-hydrogen nucleus, a little bit of free energy, and a neutrino.

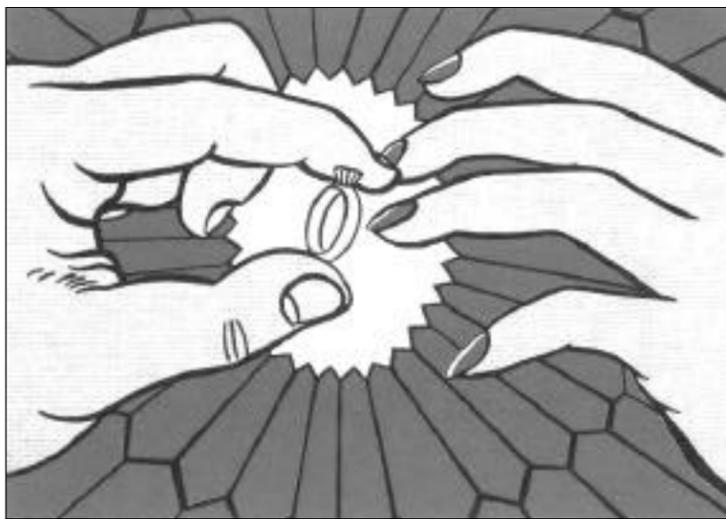
The energy that is shaken off in this union is called the "packing fraction" to remind us that, as you pack protons and neutrons together into more complex nuclei, a fraction of their mass is given off as energy.

What happens to the gas falling into the proto-star is that, at a temperature of a few thousands of degrees, the heat breaks up the atoms of hydrogen back into free electrons and protons. The proton-proton interaction, however, needs tens-of-millions since positive charges repel each other. It is only when protons are moving at very high speed (which is what we call hot) that they can overcome this repulsion and get close enough together to have at least a chance to pair up.

It is exactly this process that fuels the sun today—that energy we soak up when sunbathing (or used to before its dark side was revealed) was shaken off by such a fusion of protons. It's just as well that the tendency to fuse is slight, for if it were not, all the protons in the sun would pair off quickly and all the energy that the sun was planning to dribble out over the next five billion years or so would be released all at once—a hydrogen bomb to dwarf all man-made hydrogen bombs (which use the energy of an atomic bomb to overcome the reluctance of the hydrogen to fuse).

Just as hydrogen burns to form heavy-hydrogen, so heavy-hydrogen fuses to form helium—overall, our sun is burning its hydrogen to helium.

Big deal, you might say; there's plenty of helium in the universe already!



Roy Lichtenstein "The Ring" 1962

The light elements

This is where God gets really clever. You see, gravity, as anyone falling off a bed will tell you, is inexorable: it will keep on pulling you down unless something stops it. While the gas that originally fell together to form the sun would like to continue falling in to the center, the massive release of fusion energy at the center of the sun heats things up so much that its outward pressure prevents it. The sun is stable: the massive inwards pull of gravity is exactly matched by the equally massive outwards pressure of the high temperature at the center.

This phase is expected to last, as mentioned, about five billion more years. One of these distant days, however, our sun will run out of hydrogen. All the fuel in the center will be gone and the fire will go out. Gravity will seize its chance to continue what it was doing ten billion years ago, and the sun will recommence collapsing. This will increase the pressure and temperatures will rise and rise until they reach the hundreds of millions and helium burning will start.

I'll spare you the fascinating details but, in essence, helium nuclei, along with the occasional free proton or neutron, fuse together to create all the crucial elements that are needed for the construction of life: carbon, oxygen, calcium, etc., etc. All these light elements have positive packing fractions, so the helium burning releases energy. This release of energy halts the gravitational collapse, and

the star reaches a new equilibrium.

This new equilibrium, however, is quite different from the old. The star becomes hugely bloated—our sun will engulf the earth—and massive amounts of material are ejected from the surface of the star into the interstellar space. Some of these

Red Giants, as they are called, are called carbon stars precisely because they are pumping trillions of tons of carbon a day into outer space. All stars in their old age pump the heavier elements—carbon, oxygen, calcium, chlorine, etc., etc.—into outer space; they are the factories in which all the elements that living things are built out of are created.

Now, when new stars form out of the interstellar gas, there are small amounts of these materials present. In the process of the formation of our sun, some of the infalling gas didn't make it all the way into the center and remained in orbit. When the sun ignited, it blew off most of the light hydrogen and helium leaving behind the heavier stuff in orbit, an aggregation we call the earth. On this, the Plan—at least its physical aspect—was completed and life and the Children of God developed.

We, and the world about us are, literally, made of star stuff!

Heavy elements

This scenario, however, does not account for the gold and the Blessing Rings. You see, while the packing fraction of the lighter elements is positive—energy is given off when they are formed out of lighter elements—the packing fraction for all the elements heavier than iron is negative—energy has to be put into their creation. And gold is a lot heavier than iron.

We have gravity to thank, as it turns out. For our sun,

the phase of helium burning will continue until that, too, runs out and the core of the sun becomes mostly iron surrounded by onion rings of the lighter elements that never got hot enough to fuse. The fire will go out and gravity will seek a new, and final, equilibrium.

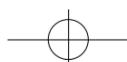
The pressure that halts this final collapse is the reluctance of electrons to be too close to each other: the gravitational pressure is resisted by this electron pressure, and the shrunken sun, still immensely hot, will enter into a long senescence as a white dwarf until, as it slowly cools—the carbon layer, incidentally, turning into a huge diamond which will be useful for engagement rings if we ever figure out how to get at it—to the chill of outer space, it will enter eternity as a black dwarf.

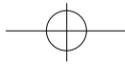
There is a limit to what the electron pressure can take, however. For stars somewhat bigger than our sun at the time of their final collapse, the crushing inward pull of gravity overcomes this electron pressure.

The electrons have nowhere to go but into the protons, giving out, in the process, a neutrino (we're close to the gold now). All the matter at the center of the star converts into neutrons in a very short period of time, creating a never-yet-seen form of matter called neutronium and the core of the star transforms into a neutron star.

This sudden loss of the electron pressure causes the whole star to collapse rapidly inwards, releasing a vast amount of energy in the process which appears

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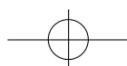
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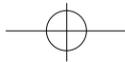
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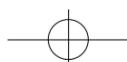
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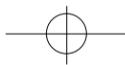
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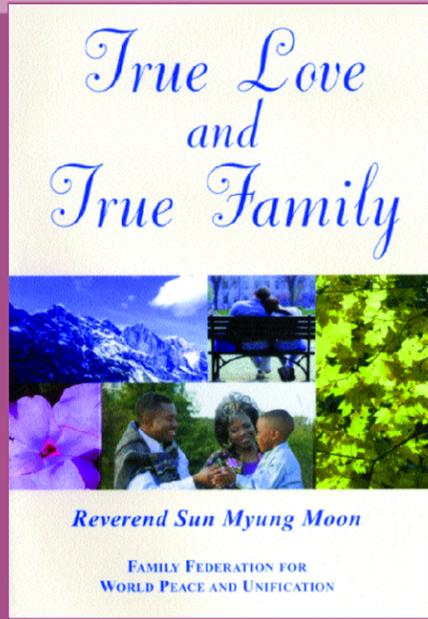
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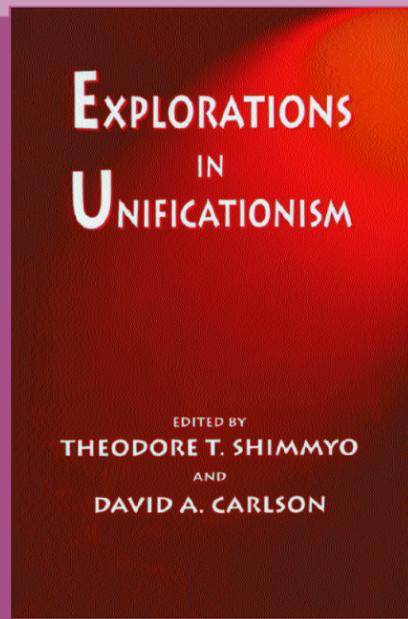




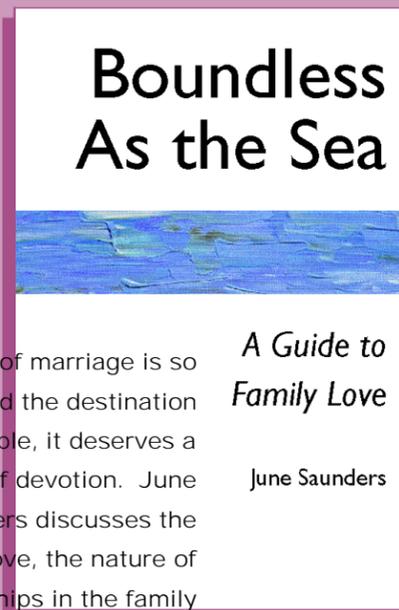
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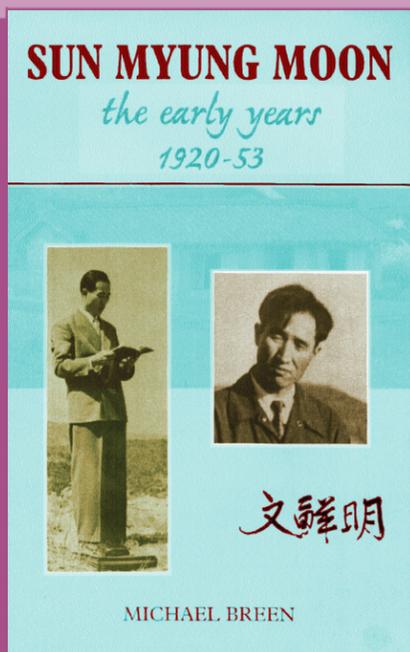
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